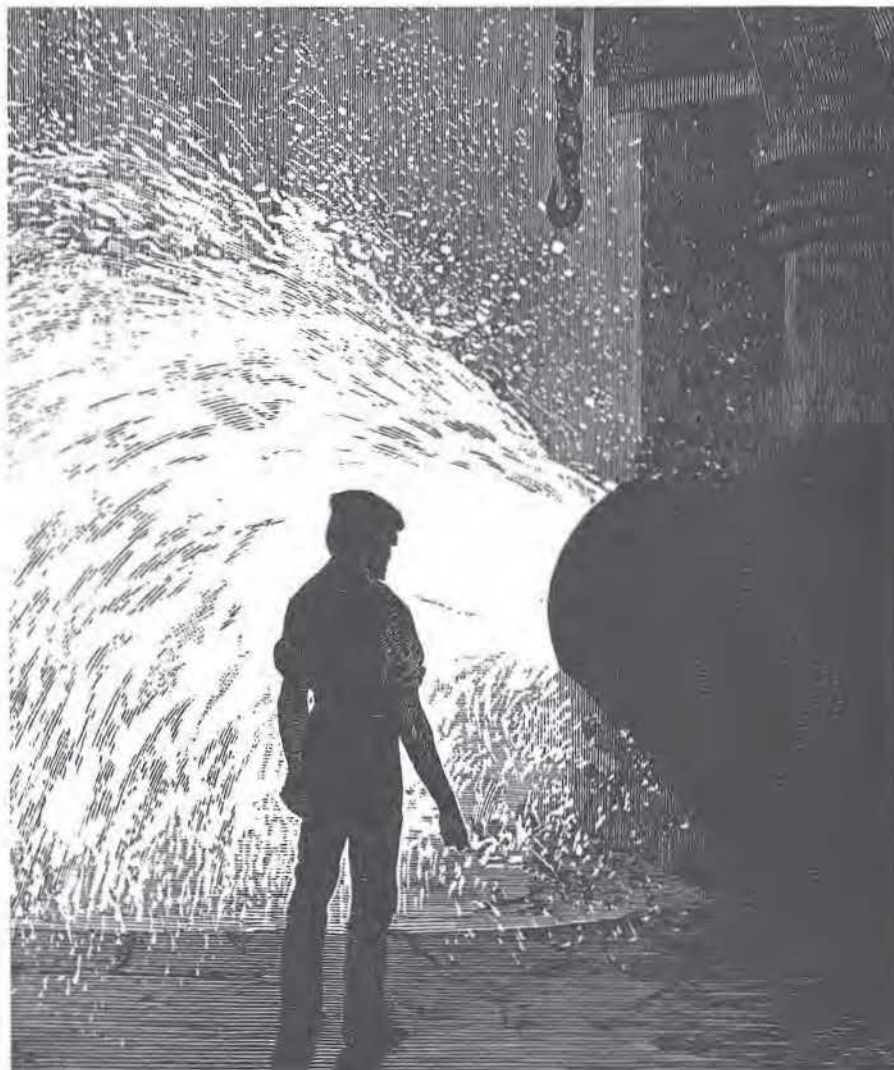


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PSI-INDUCED SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION

Welcome to the latest *FRC Journal*!

It's good to be back with you again. I think you'll find this special issue of the *Journal of the Fortean Research Center* to be especially interesting. Dr. Berthold Schwarz, one of the most brilliant minds engaged in researching the paranormal, has provided u with an in-depth study of a remarkable phenomenon—psi-induced spontaneous combustion.

I count it an honor to welcome Dr. Schwarz to the pages of this *Journal*. His work has been a model and an inspiration to me for many years. His numerous articles, especially those written for Britain's *Flying Saucer Review* have proven to be a literal treasure trove of data. In addition, his books, which include *Psychic Nexus*, and *UFO Dynamics*, are among the most valuable publications available in this field.

Dr. Schwarz's 10-year study of Joe A. Nuzum, a man with extraordinary telekinetic abilities will, I'm sure, open new vistas of understanding in this field. Joe's remarkable ability to psychically induce spontaneous combustion in substances ranging from paper to water (no kidding— water) is truly astounding. Dr. Schwarz has documented and described these events in this issue of the *Journal of the Fortean Research Center*, and we extend our thanks and appreciation to Dr. Schwarz and Joe Nuzum for their efforts.

We also would like to extend a welcome to you, our members, to join us in Lincoln, Nebraska, on May 20 and 21, 1995. We will be hosting a symposium on psychokinesis, with an in-depth lecture by Dr. Schwarz, and a live demonstration of psychokinetic abilities by Joe A. Nuzum. Not only does Joe have an uncanny ability to induce spontaneous combustion, but he has also demonstrated the ability to pass solid matter through solid matter, teleport objects, levitate inanimate objects and humans, and telekinetically move objects. Joe will also be conducting a workshop on Sunday morning, May 21, for those interested in a more personal interchange with him.

Make plans now to join us at the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education in Lincoln, and help us welcome Dr. Berthold Schwarz and Joe A. Nuzum to Lincoln. Registration costs are \$15.00 in advance, \$18.00 at the door, for the symposium, and \$20.00 for the workshop. Seating is limited for both the symposium and the workshop, so register early. After a look at this issue of the *Journal*, I don't think you'll be able to stay away.

In order to better serve you, we have instituted some changes concerning the *Journal*. We are increasing publication of the *Journal* to 6 times a year (every other month), and on the "off" months, we intend to present a speaker(s) of note, discussing some aspect of things Fortean. So stay tuned, and we'll keep you abreast of the latest developments, and the next speaker to come to Lincoln.

I hope to see you all in Lincoln in May, and until then, stay curious.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ray W. Boeche', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ray W. Boeche, Director

P.S. For further information on symposium registration, see the flyer in this issue, or call (402) 421-1701

Observations on Presumed Psi-Induced 'Spontaneous Combustion'

Experiments with Joe. A. Nuzum, Paragnost

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Introduction

Various mental psi phenomena no matter how well documented often leave the reader in the dark; for in tracking telepathy he can become lost in details and perhaps because of the vagaries of the psychic nexus he has little personal investment; at least not sufficient to stick with it and to follow the meanders and dissociations that are obvious to the experiencers themselves. Physical expressions of psi are another matter. These can be observed, measured and in numerous instances be demonstrated with practical and theoretical value. An example of physical psi is spontaneous combustion (SC). Solid evidence for one possible case of SC could extend practical considerations that there are more cases and the effects of this presumed largely unconsciously mediated phenomenon must be acknowledged. For example, beyond the medical aspects what would the legal considerations be? What would the insurance industry have to say if investigators considered the possibility that humans were capable of consciously or unconsciously /telekinetically setting fires? Dangers are obvious — to experiencers, those who

research and document SC, and bystanders. Yet, how often is the possibility of SC considered? Questioned? And how would prosecution be handled for something that scientifically does not or cannot exist?

Analogous to SC are other presumed psi-related/induced phenomena, e.g. purported effects on electric-electronic systems, computers, fuse boxes, light bulbs, calculators, television cameras, VCRs, radios, possible psi-inscribed initials on steel keys and so forth. These effects are not as rare as SC so will not be stressed in this account.

SC and its sundry forms will be summarized by citation of various cases and resulting speculations. Key references to SC are by Charles Fort¹; Nandor Fodor²⁻⁴, pioneer psychoanalyst of the paranormal, who was the first to offer modern psychodynamic formulations based on numerous examples of SC, Vincent Gaddis⁵; Michael Harrison⁶; John Heymer⁸⁻¹⁰, a retired Scenes of Crime officer who has presented some human spontaneous combustion (HSC) cases that he personally investigated; and William Corliss¹¹ who described Dr. L. C. Woodman's observation of a 27 year old man who could generate "fire through the medium of his breath." In a recent study Jenny Randles and Peter Hough⁷ focused attention on HSC and they related it to historically cited and personally investigated cases which included fireballs, SC in animals, UFOs, Kundalini and psi; they interviewed profes-

sional fire-fighters, scientists, forensic experts and physicians and, in addition to many traditional explanations, they also offered novel physical, chemical and paranormal ones.

The first medical reference to this oft-physician investigated phenomenon was made by the Danish anatomist Thomas Bartholin.⁶

Although there have been medical inferential accounts of fire immunity¹²⁻¹⁴ and pyromania¹⁵⁻¹⁶, minimal mention has been made of possible psychic and psychophysiological factors in SC. Through numerous eras there have been recorded SC instances by psychiatrists¹⁷ and others¹⁸⁻¹⁹ of gifted paragnosts and people sometimes euphemistically described as being 'possessed' or related to Poltergeists; however, these persons possible roles in inciting fires has not been experimentally studied. In recent years there have been commercially available videotapes of Japanese Shinto-priests²⁰ telekinetically (?) igniting a bundle of sticks during ceremonial rituals, as well as here in the United States the innovative SORRAT mini-lab data²¹⁻²³ where on several occasions SC occurring inside a locked, sealed chamber was filmed by motion activated cameras; although there were no witnesses in attendance to the SORRAT events, the effect has been documented by principal researcher/engineer/magician William Edward Cox²³ who was Dr. J. B. Rhine's leading parapsychological exponent of experimental psychokinesis.

Recent Experiences With Possible SC

My (BES) professional experiences with possible SC include an episode of an unusual electrical fire in conjunction with lab controlled, psychodynamic drawing experiments and an incident entitled 'Christmas Fires'.¹² Also there is additional clinical material which includes UFO experient Stella Lansing's encounters,²⁴⁻²⁵ UFO experient Marianne Shenefield's episode²⁵ of having her bathrobe suddenly burst into flames, and paragnost Katie's experiences.²⁶⁻³¹

Katie, a natural medium who has produced a plethora of disparate physical psi effects, once during a videotaped session witnessed by a leading parapsychologist and several others said while entranced that the halogen video spotlight was burning. No one else shared Katie's perception—until shortly afterwards, the halogen bulb started purling smoke. The electrical current to the bulb was turned off, the bulb delicately removed and allowed to cool. I then handed the cooled bulb to the still-entranced Katie who held it gently in her hands. Suddenly the bulb began to purl smoke and became hot. The entire incident was video-recorded. I remembered that on numerous occasions when apportations occurred in Katie's presence, these often exuded recordable heat. For instance, once a metal crucifix apport apparently singed a white cotton pad that it laid upon inside a closed metal box. On another occasion when in a state of poorly repressed fury Katie's outside household electrical cable entry box to her home suddenly went dead. When the box interior was examined, wires and cables were melted and partially fused. In an earlier videotaped Katie session witnessed by many persons I was called to her home and a metal cross suddenly apported seemingly from Katie's ear and fell to the floor. I picked up the cross and when it touched her forearm she emitted a scream, exclaiming it burned her arm; an immediate blister developed on her forearm. In these in-

stances no ostensible causes for the effects were discovered; thus, in view of all the collateral psi data, a paranormal etiology is likely.

Mention needs to be made, also, of the celebrated UFO contactee Howard Menger²² who kept the Joe Bozac²⁵ charred shirt that apparently ignited while Bozac was having a close UFO encounter in the Pocosinos several years ago. Concerned with possible injury and stunned by the effect, Bozac rapidly extinguished the effect and did not suffer any burns.

Another example of possible SC involves Lois, an adult woman in the midst of excessive domestic turmoil. In the wake of a close UFO experience and post sighting protracted associated spectacular telekinetic-electronic psi involving apportations and computers. One day she noted when in the bathroom about the time of her menses that she was... "feeling really angry, upset, and the Ziploc plastic bag began to melt and two pads blackened and the bag partially melted. Somewhere in the boxes of my garage are the evidence, I saved everything. But that scared me. What if it had turned into fire when the bag was beneath the cabinet with the door closed, a bad fire?"

Also in a letter to me November 4, 1993, Professor P. M. H. Edwards, noted philologist and ufologist, included a translation by his Graduate Linguistics Student from Caucasian-Georgia of an article on recurrent SC involving an 18 year old mother and her baby daughter. This case, if verifiable, also had alleged paranormal aspects but it ended tragically when the mother's father-in-law was found hanged the morning after the protagonists had left for another locale (reported by Boris Pockverashvili, special correspondent for Sakharvelos Republica, Friday, May 22, 1992.

In a direct interview Father D, Ph.D., told me about a cousin of his who was "an honest, decent man." As a layman in the church, it was his cousin's as-

signment to, "...walk halfway through the church toward the back, where the solitary sanctuary candle which is inside a globe was located, to the woman who was there to light it. However, on several occasions, it happened all the time, the totally unlit candle would light on its own and he would go back with the lit candle and the woman would criticize him for playing tricks on her, that he had his own matches...which, in fact, he didn't. But he wouldn't tell her because he didn't want her to think that there was something wrong with him. His reaction was that he wasn't surprised. He was a thoughtful, thinking, contemplative man, a natural Christian. He felt honored that the priest asked him, so that he could take care of the sanctuary lamp next to the Blessed Sacrament, so that he could be close to God."

Although there are countless possible explanations for SC, it must be questioned how often, if at all, would there be instances of fire and what might have been erroneously attributed to 'logical' causes, e.g. faulty wiring, cigarettes, carelessness and so forth. Also, in instances of pyromania or 'fire setting'—many which can be accounted for¹¹⁻¹²—could some of these be possible episodes of SC that were triggered by charged affect, stressed by a near specific, preconsciously loaded pre-existent history for relevant psychopathology, where the 'final common pathway' for acting out—pyromania—was blocked and then perhaps shunted through telekinetic psi into SC?

Joe Nuzum's Spontaneous Combustion

For the past 10 years I (BES) have been studying various paranormal feats by 35 year old, former foundry worker, paragnost Joe A. Nuzum (JN)²⁵⁻²⁶ and reported several instances (clusters?) of presumed SC.³³⁻³⁵ In addition to JN's many psychic nexus related physical effects JN has developed the SC unique talent and become able to experimentally induce fire from a distance. This was learned from direct in-

terrogations as well as interviews of his family and several witnesses. JN first noted his unique ability when in the Fifth Grade. He was having trouble with arithmetic and suddenly his practice paper charred. Fearful of reproach by his teacher, he destroyed the paper and began the calculations on a new paper. Shortly afterward when curiously experimenting with SC of paper, in his parent's basement, JN was reluctant to tell his parents what he was doing. He shares, "One time my parents gave me a box of matches. I laid the box there and pulled the initial box drawer out and focused on it and caused the matches to ignite...I can't understand how sometimes I do these things, and Ray (friend) reminds me, and I had forgotten them. He'll ask, 'Didn't you remember?' Amnesia, that comes with it, because if I remember that these things are impossible to do then I can't do it. In this state of mind, if the memory is with it, it holds back (inhibits)."

Since the initial telephonic interviews of JN and his parents in 1983, JN has been professionally seen by BES for interviews and experiments in both Pennsylvania and in Florida. Since August, 1990, JN has been telephoned weekly (or more often) for audiotaped debriefings which have been transcribed, along with separately videotaped experiments, into more than 2,000 pages of typed protocols. From these sources there have been at least 99 entries and/or instances of SC and/or easily related effects. This does not include allied phenomena such as not infrequent incandescent bulbs burning out, a factory explosion, sparks from his fingers, flash bulbs igniting experimentally and spontaneously, combustion of a feared spider, experimental ignition of cardboard-safety matches and of wooden-safety matches, and instances of charring dollar bills, calling cards, 'miracle' label stamps, a metal key, tissue paper and 'human microwaving' Play Dough.

In 33 one hour videotaped in Florida telekinetic experiments between JN in

Pennsylvania to BES in Florida from December 9, 1990 to August 18, 1991, there were no instances of SC. In 23 cases tissue papers and two blue-headed matches were placed inside a goblet beneath an overturned glass at BES's lab in Vero Beach, Florida. Two times cellophane was substituted for the tissue paper and three times crumpled dollar bills were substituted for the tissue paper. On occasion, in attendance were a parapsychologist and a gifted paragnost, and once a friend. Some of the experiments provided off-target presumed peripheral effects/or coincidences during or immediately after the experimental session, e.g. a 29 inch bayonet-slit in a plastic shade to an overhead fluorescent tube, ceiling fixture in the research room <Figure 1> and, once, when telephoning JN immediately after an experiment BES's office experienced an acute electric power failure—checking with the power company and observing neighboring buildings for electrical outage did not yield any logical explanations. On two additional occasions when JN was not consciously attempting telekinesis or entranced-control telekinetic effects, efforts yielded negative results. JN experienced no telekinetic effects in Pennsylvania during these experiments; however, throughout numerous years there have been several possible spontaneous telekinetic episodes between JN in Pennsylvania and BES in Florida.

On frequent occasions JN telekinetically ignited a candle and/or started a fire at a distance. BES has personally observed and videotaped JN dowsing a candle flame on different occasions. This data is presented because even though there have been reports of SC for centuries, including HSC, there has been little or no experimental evidence for this type of occurrence. This report will share (Part I) clinical vignettes representative of these and closely related psychic nexus feats, and (Part II) accounts of experiments of presumed paranormally-induced fires and the quenching of flames, many which were videographically recorded by JN's wife, Sandra, and (Part III) physician (BES) monitored and many videographically recorded SC related experiments of JN.

Part I

1. January 5, 1990: JN exclaimed, "Something happened that I was pretty concerned about. It scared me and I stopped fooling with it. I was experimenting with the match at home. And all of a sudden the match flew off the counter and I wasn't able to find it. A few minutes later I smelled smoke and here the paper bag was on fire! I was across the room and first the match quivered and shook. A cardboard-safety match, from a book."

2. March 5, 1990: JN's videographed demonstration before approximately 250 people at the Vero Beach Inn in Florida was a success. Among numerous feats, JN also handled burning hot coals in his hands without any biological effect. In subsequent research sessions during the week BES and JN discussed SC but no experiments in this regard were attempted. However, upon BES's return to his office at 12:30 PM after he and his wife had taken JN and JN's wife to the airport for their return to Pennsylvania, BES noted that the top tissues and the opening to a box of Kleenex were charred. The previous evening BES had asked JN what he felt was the most spectacular thing that he had ever done and JN referred the question to his wife who, with his prompting, said, "Spontaneous combustion." Nine days afterward (March 14, 1990) when BES went to the Radio Shack Realistic, 9-volt battery radio (Model No.: 1w.721) to hear the news, the radio would not play. It was originally purchased for JN's March 5th public demonstration (to telekinetically knock it over and then turn it on) but was not used that night. The radio was placed on a counter next to the Kleenex box in the research fore-room at BES's office, where JN and JN's wife were staying. With difficulty, BES pried open the battery compartment and discovered that the plastic chassis interior was melted and the glued-in paper diagram was charred; also, the vinyl insulation to the electrodes was melted. The battery was intact on testing. Was the radio charring and melting related

to the Kleenex charring? During debriefing, it appeared JN was unaware of what had happened in BES's office. In some way BES's research curiosities about SC might have been fulfilled—even if dangerously so!

3. April 14, 1990: During debriefing, JN recalled SC occurring for him at a distance of approximately 11 miles, saying, "...aiming at a tissue but out of the corner of your eye, you see a towel on the chair. You associate to a previous successful experiment of that order...the time when Ray's (friend) brother accused Ray of setting the towel on fire...thought it laid on the stove. It burnt to a crisp! Hand towel."

Ray confirmed this to BES on August 26, 1991, while being interviewed in Washington, Pennsylvania, where during the discussion with JN and Ray, JN who does not smoke and has contempt for cigarettes, recalled how once he passed by, "...a guy who had cigarettes on his table. Three or four suddenly shot out (of the pack, telekinetically) onto the floor when I walked by. I've put cigarettes out (telekinetically)."

4. September 30, 1990: In reference to a box of old locksmith discarded and donated keys that were counted and examined by BES before sending to JN, JN exclaimed when receiving the keys that, "Several are initialed 'BES' and others have dots on them. Some keys are bent. One key is real unusual. It's charred. The bottom of the box (cardboard) is charred and the (plastic) bag is melted...and the box of calling cards (BES) that you sent me, three of them have charred marks on them."

For JN's presumed psi-induced metallic stippling and discussion see Reference 25.

5. October 27, 1990: JN said, "You sent me some Expect A Miracle Stamps awhile back (promotional item for magazine Guideposts) and when I first got them, there was nothing wrong with them at all and later on when I was going through my mail, one of them, right on the spot, was charred in the center of it."

6. December 22, 1990: While being interviewed by KDKA Pittsburgh Television station while in his home, and while in the middle of a telepathic demonstration, JN shared that, "The cameraman noticed from across the room that a piece of paper started to ignite and then all of a sudden it (fire) flared up, then went back out. Frustrating."

7. December 30, 1990: After long distance telekinetic experiment #2 failed, in debriefing JN said, "I was trying different experiments last night. An old pack of cigarettes moved (telekinetically) and a cigarette became charred (paper wrapper midpoint)."

8. April 27, 1991: JN shared, "I went to the Post Office today, your birthday card (for JN's birthday, May 1) had a tiny burnt hole...where the tree is. Picture of woods. Looks like a place where I used to go. Right through the 'Y' in my name (Joey)."

9. May 26, 1991: JN said, "This Sunday I dreamed about spontaneous combustion and then it happened Monday at three AM. In the dream I seen someone that was having trouble and problems and after the spontaneous combustion, I felt that the problem was solved. I have noticed that at different times when I did different experiments, like I dreamed about some person might have a problem or whatever, after I focused on something with them in mind at the time of the experiment, I found out later on that their problem was solved. The lighter (butane) bottom this time was charred. I was thinking of the lighter blowing up. I turned the lighter (gas) on, without striking the flint, focused on it and caused the gas to ignite (telekinetically)."

10. June 6, 1991: While BES was in Washington, Pennsylvania, on Saturday while at JN's Martial Arts School, JN and BES were discussing SC and BES then interviewed Ray who recalled when he had a towel draped over the refrigerator door at his home, and the towel suddenly caught fire and a hole

burned through it and charred the refrigerator door. Ray then telephoned JN and discovered that at that exact time JN was experimenting with SC. Ray lives approximately 10 miles away from JN. On several occasions Ray has seen JN mentally extinguish a candle flame. Once in 1992 when JN was attempting a SC experiment in JN's home, a mop started smoldering at Ray's house. Ray says the mop was dry and Ray's parents, who were home at the time, witnessed this.

Ray adds, "Now-a-days Joe feels that the water helps magnify the energy."

JN interjected, "Makes it easier and safer, I feel free to do it. When I come home, I work on nothing but dowsing the flame. That is why it takes so long with spontaneous combustion because I approach it more cautiously, where it is under control."

11. June 15, 1991: During BES's debriefing JN, JN elaborated on some of his subjective feelings during SC, saying, "I transform all the energy in the body into the hands. Like Chi energy from the body into the arms, shoulders, right into the hands. Like I was going to strike a brick and break it, it would break by the direction of the energy, as if I was going to throw someone. It would transfer the energy into the hands and it would happen with the greatest of ease. It is like a fire that builds from within and it becomes explosive and powerful. Mental keys work same as music, which has a powerful effect in a different way. Spontaneous combustion is exciting, a powerful aggression, fire within. It is immense."

12. July 9, 1991: JN telephoned and said, "At eight thirty PM a flashbulb ignited...quite all of a sudden! I was thinking of experimenting and I got inspired. Thought of someone and it ignited."

13. July 13, 1991: JN telephoned and said, "Recently I found two Polaroids showing a lit match levitated in the air (photo by JN's wife, see Reference 30)."

He commented on dangerous aspects of these and laughed when he said that his former house burned down after he moved (out of it).

14. August 10, 1991: JN stated, "On the telephone with Ray a couple days ago, he was asking what I was thinking. He got real excited and I was thinking of my past successes with spontaneous combustion and the candle thing. His brother Greg put papers in the burn barrel and instead of matches...spontaneous combustion ...safer to do it that way. Greg went to get matches, but it had already lit. I was also thinking of the time that I went out to the burn barrel. I felt safer doing it outside. I was just drifting back to my past successes on it, then when I explained to Ray what I was thinking he got real excited because what happened was his brother put papers out there in his burn barrel too and all of a sudden these just caught fire by themselves. No matches or lighter fluid. Ray was going to get the matches and Greg asked him, 'Did you light it?' And Ray said, 'No, I didn't light it, did you?'"

This was confirmed in an interview with Ray and later with another interview with his brother Greg on October 15, 1993.

15. October 20, 1991: JN exclaimed, "Ray freaked out because I was telling him I was 'visualizing' an awareness type thing for the (Martial Arts) class and I said, 'Wouldn't it be interesting to just appear (before the class) out of a puff of smoke, out of nowhere?' And Ray asked, 'When were you doing it?' He got real excited because Greg and their mother said the strangest thing happened when Greg was over at their house. She said there was a puff of smoke and Greg was so intrigued with it that he went to see where it came from and he said there was nothing there. Ray was not in the house at the time. (Also) I just remember what the other thing was, I went to get a tissue (Kleenex) out (coryza) and I pulled out one of the tissues and it was burned in the middle." These experi-

ences with Ray were confirmed by BES interviewing Ray on October 23, 1991.

16. October 23, 1991: When asked about the burn barrel sc episode, Ray explained, "I was sitting outside one day and having a cup of coffee and I looked over at the burn barrel in my brother's yard and it was burning, on a day when you're not allowed to burn. So I went over to his house and asked, 'Are you burning?' And Greg said, 'Well, I didn't put anything in there that was smoldering from the day before. No, it was completely out.' So I talked to Joe later that evening and I asked him, 'Were you doing any experiments with spontaneous combustion?' He said it was funny that I asked because he had been. And I told him what happened. Yes, the same thing happened with the burn barrel again, maybe a week later. Same identical thing."

BES asked, "With lighter fluid?"

Ray replied, "No, no. All Greg burns in there are papers so these consume themselves quickly. My mother and brother were sitting outside. My brother stood-up and mother was talking to him. They said that they saw a puff of smoke or cloud of smoke go past the door. My brother thought there was something on fire or that someone was burning something. He went outside to look around and check. He didn't see anything burning. So later that evening I talked to Joe again and I was telling him what they said. And he said, 'You know, I was thinking about appearing as a puff of smoke, as a Ninja.' And he asked what my reaction would be if I saw him do that. He was thinking about doing it here again and apparently while thinking that, that was when they saw that puff of smoke. I was not home then. I didn't tell my brother or my mother, although mom is more believing than Greg is."

17. December 21, 1991: In an interview with JN's mother, she recalled, saying, "Ray's mother's house, Joey was doing something at their house and all of a

sudden...my dish towel wasn't near a stove or anything...and it caught on fire! Ray yelled at Joey, 'What are you doing?' There was no reason for the fire."

In a related incident, Mrs. Nuzum remembered occasions where, "...he's given me things in my hands and the things would get so hot that I couldn't even hold them. And he has done that to some girls at the skating rink too. And he's also zapped crickets which go up in a puff of smoke. I have seen that."

18. January 19, 1992: JN said, "That day Ray's water pipes were frozen at his mother's house. He lives there. I was thinking what the connection could be, and I was worried about my place catching on fire. His mother had a mop catch on fire, smoldering and glowing. Ray said the mop was dry. His mother thought of me. Ray was laughing, the way she said it. She said, 'My, that boy (JN) has a powerful mind.'"

On February 23, 1992, Ray, who now lives three houses from JN, also confirmed this episode, saying, "I didn't see it. Got it second hand. Mother and dad were in the living room and smelled something burning. Went through the house. Back into the kitchen again, and the mop was on fire. She thought it was wet. I immediately called Joe and he said in response to my question of whether or not he was experimenting, 'Funny that you asked, I was.' He said that type of thing never hurt anybody. It scared mom though."

19. January 27, 1992: JN telephoned, saying, "I was thinking of different experiments. I was in the state of mind where you just lose track of time and I had no concept of time. And when I touched the flashbulb on the counter, it was just like, it was warm, vibrant almost, like air, an air of energy. And suddenly the flashbulb ignited (telekinetically). This happened when I wasn't even trying. I tried to do this again and it wouldn't work."

20. February 17, 1992: At 8:15 PM, JN telephoned and shared, "I threw a punch at the candle from across the room. And the candle flame went out (telekinetically)!"

21. February 22, 1992: At 3:14 AM, JN telephoned and shared, "I caused a light bulb to burn out (telekinetically), sixty watts. I held it in my hands and focused on it. And all of a sudden, there was a blue flash! The light bulb worked before. But after I tried that, it didn't work at all."

22. March 26, 1992: JN telephoned, saying, "I took the (60 watt) bulb and checked to make sure that it worked. Unscrewed it (manually) and took it from the lamp. And focused on the bulb. It flashed (telekinetically! I put the bulb back in (the lamp) and turned it (the lamp) on (manually, not telekinetically). But it (the bulb) didn't work."

23. May 20, 1992: At 9:05 PM, JN telephoned, saying, "I picked up the lighter (manually) and instead of flicking the flint to (activate) the lighter, I just turned the gas on the lighter (manually) and focused on it and ignited the gas (telekinetically). A flame came out of it. That's different! I've done it before. That is one that I meant to tell you."

24. June 25, 1992: At 3:09 PM, JN telephoned, and stated, "Right after I did the experiment of knocking over a roll of paper towels (telekinetically), I was meditating. I sat down and lit (telekinetically) a white candle. I sat on the couch with my legs crossed. At the end of meditation, I focused on the candle and extinguished the flame (telekinetically)."

25. April 14, 1993: At 11:29 PM, JN telephoned and said, "I was meditating and getting ready to film (videotape). The candle (manually lit) was on the kitchen table. I was sitting on the couch (approximately 20 feet away). Then I decided to meditate without the candle. And I stood and I had that same feeling. All of a sudden, I made a

palm strike from standing next to the couch. The first time it (extinguish the candle) didn't happen. And then all of a sudden, I began to focus and concentrate more. And I made the palm strike a second time and the candle flame went out (telekinetically, all doors and windows were shut, and JN's wife was away visiting her sister)."

26. May 7, 1992: JN telephoned and shared, "A light bulb in the Angel Lamp flashed and went out (telekinetically), as the (adjacent) golden curtains fell off the wall."

27. August 12, 1992: While visiting at Washington, Pennsylvania, BES interviewed JN and Ray.

Ray said, "Joe played with fire and hot coals, and molten metal at the foundry."

Joe added, "I'd pass my hands through a stream of molten iron."

Ray interjected, "More than two thousand degrees fahrenheit."

Joe concluded, "Guys see me pick up hot, big, metal castings."

28. October 7, 1992: At 11:41 PM, JN telephoned and said, "I sat back on the couch after lighting (manually) the candle, and focused on the candle (which was set) near where Sandy (JN's wife) and Ardis (BES's wife) were at the time (beside the kitchen table). The flame went out (telekinetically, all doors and windows were verified to be closed)."

29. December 22, 1992: At 10:22 PM, JN telephoned and stated, "I'm sitting in a chair and trying to make the light bulb go out (telekinetically). I'm on the couch and the lamp (which had been manually turned on) in the kitchen, it bothered me to focus directly at the (lamp) light. So I closed my eyes and focused on it (the lamp). All of a sudden, approximately within a minute and a half, still meditating, after pondering the thought of the light bulb going out in the lamp, it burned out (telekinetically)! (a round,

frosted glass globe, 100 watt bulb). I thought it maybe just burned out (normally). I didn't think I did it. I tried another night at 10:18 PM on December twenty-third, sixty watts. (The light bulb in the lamp, telekinetically) burned out again."

30. April 13, 1993: JN telephoned and said, "The day before yesterday, a flashbulb went off (telekinetically) and not only did it ignite, but it cracked also! I was concentrating on something else, when this happened. Also, when coming out of the Post Office and I had just got your (BES) letter and I was thinking of you, I got into the truck and the (ignition) switch in my truck caught on fire, and burnt! Melted and separated! I had a terrible time getting it fixed. Burnt up the starter."

31. August 26, 1993: While BES was debriefing JN, JN stated, "By reversing it (telekinetically extinguishing candles) it (the energy) closed the door, to keep that type of thing from happening (out-of-control sc). The door was open for the energy to come through, and to cause the combustion effects. Putting the flame out is a good way to keep it from happening spontaneously, and getting out of control."

BES asked, "Ways of increasing control of combustion?"

JN replied, "Actually causing it to happen?"

BES answered, "Yes."

JN explained, "Those are done outside, because I feel restrictions and the fear of what could happen (indoors). It is like, I have more free reign. I go out to the lake, or to the pond, where I make a little raft or boat and cause the sail to catch on fire. Out on the water, where it can't hurt anybody. That is why I like one pond, more than others. Sometimes I do the other one (telekinetically lighting the candle) too, but the water is more still and calmer. Depends on the experiment I am doing. If it is going downstream, I might try to hold it from going down the stream

(telekinetically holding it against the current). There are times I have done that."

BES asked, "Were Ray or Sandy with you?"

JN answered, "Usually I'm by myself. I went out just to relax, and I'll take a few things with me, to try, just experimenting."

32. September 21, 1993: At 1:30 AM, JN telephoned and shared, "I happened to walk out into the kitchen and all of a sudden, I heard this voice in my mind, like a murmuring sound. And I couldn't make it out at first. Then the metal lid on a jar started to (telekinetically) turn. I heard the jar shake a little bit, and that drew my attention to it. The lid began to turn (telekinetically) slowly, and all of a sudden it (the lid) popped off the jar (glass jar). I heard a voice inside my head say, 'Drink the juice and you will have knowledge you desire.' It was apple juice. Then I felt uneasy, and began to stare and focus on the glass (jar). Suddenly it (the jar) began to move (telekinetically) off the counter into the sink, it (the jar) began to smoke and actually caught flame."

BES asked, "The juice caught fire?"

JN answered, "Yeah, apple juice."

BES asked, "Flames?"

JN replied, "Blue and orange (flames) came up, out of the sink. Only lasted a few seconds. Then it (the flames) went out."

BES asked, "How high did the flames rise?"

JN said, "Above the faucet."

BES asked again, "Nine inches to one foot?"

JN stated, "Yes. (It was) a large, half-gallon jar. Silver, metal lid."

BES asked, "Twist on lid?"

JN replied, "Screwed on."

BES asked, "What about the voice?"

JN answered, "I don't know how to say this, it was weird. Male (voice), telling me if I drank the juice, I would have the knowledge I would desire."

BES asked, "What does this mean?"

JN said, "A trap. I knew it was wrong, and it was trying to tempt me. Funny, in a way. Apple juice reminded me of Adam and the forbidden fruit."

BES asked, "Did the jar break?"

JN answered, "No. It (the jar) landed in the sink and the nozzle (top of jar) was in the drain, splashed (juice) out onto the sink and that is when the fire came, all over the sink!"

33. September 29, 1993: On Wednesday near 1:30 AM, while practicing making circular movements with the Cris (ceremonial Tibetan dagger), JN stated that several sparks started forming on the blade, on the end, the edge, all over; it lasted seconds. He said on the telephone, "The room felt cold, never felt it (the room) like that before. I put the Cris down on the coffee table (manually) and it slowly pivoted (telekinetically) one full turn!"

34. October 25, 1993: On Wednesday, at 1:47 AM, JN telephoned, saying, "I'm sitting on the couch, and I heard this movement on the table where the sea shells and Angel Lamp are, the bag of keys that you (BES) gave me. I went over and looked at these and seen that they were stirring around (telekinetically), moving, like they were alive. The paper that you put in there (100 keys checked beforehand, notation of this made on enclosed paper, dated, and signed) was charred, but I seen another brown spot appear there also. The paper had four char marks on it. I spread them (the keys) out on the table and took pictures of them. No bends or initials (on the keys). At 10:45 PM I went to get some peach yogurt. I came back and sat down on the couch. I began eating some of the yogurt and all of a sudden the yogurt burst into flames! The flames were coming up, out of the blue, plastic bowl. And I set

it on the floor. And I was quite taken by it. The fire consumed the yogurt and it was like a puddle of bubbly type orange milk, bubbles, and bluish flame."

35. November 18, 1993: JN said that on Thursday, "...I lit a candle (manually) and was meditating. All of a sudden the flame sunk down. It (the flame) went around the candle, left the wick, went to the middle of the candle, a ring of flame (extending) a half an inch above the ring! It moved rapidly and then was gone. The candle extinguished (telekinetically) also. The flame was heavy, and flowed like water."

36. October 27, 1993: In a videotaped experiment on Wednesday at 1:11 AM, JN telekinetically levitated and moved a Perrier water bottle cap that was untwisted, and rested on the top of the mouth of the bottle. He mailed BES the research videotape and other specimens, which were received by BES and unpacked November 29, 1993, Monday. However, BES noted that the cap was now inside the bottle and that the diameter of the metal cap was larger than the diameter of the open bottle mouth. When BES returned the videotape copy of the experiments and the original wrappings (paper towels and plastic bags) and interrogated JN (for BES did not know if JN had knowingly teleported the cap inside the bottle in another and, perhaps, unrecorded videotaped experiment), JN said he had not furthered the experiment; therefore, it seemed plausible that the cap teleported inside the bottle sometime between JN's packing it separately from the bottle and its reception in Florida.

During his debriefing, when asked to clarify the cap and the bottle, JN also said that the wrapping was, "...black (heat or charring effect?)" which he associated to the inclusion of another specimen, a Play Dough figure that was charred and hard (quasi 'microwave' effect) <Figure 2, A and B>.

37. December 13, 1993: Near 9:16 PM, JN telephoned and said, "A piece of paper stuck inside a glass goblet, one that I used when water turned black (JN's wife's videotape #118), I was sitting and staring at it. All of a sudden the paper started turning black. Charred, near the middle. I saved it and took a picture of it."

BES asked, "What were you thinking of when you stared at it?"

JN replied, "Subconsciously, without realizing it, I was thinking of the experiment of the water (videotape #118). All of a sudden, the white paper that was folded, then folded in half again (telekinetically) and began to char right before my eyes! Nice, and burnt. Didn't catch fire (flames)."

38. January 1, 1994: On Saturday near 11:50 P.M. JN telephoned, sharing, "I had a glass jar of matches and I took a pack of matches out for an experiment when I was out in the kitchen. The matches were in my left hand. Just as I was ready to take one out with my right hand, and light it (manually), they all ignited (telekinetically)! I (had just) bent the book (paper-safety matches) back and was staring at them and thinking of different experiments, and that is when it happened. I wasn't hurt. The experiments, you will see on film (videotape)."

JN's wife was upset, and she and JN had argued all day prior to this.

39. January 2, 1994: Sunday, before 6:40 PM, JN telephoned again. JN and JN's wife were still arguing most of the day. He said, "I called Ray on the telephone and told him of different experiments on the film that I was trying to do, and how I visualized this one experiment where Sandy (JN's wife) helped me. I told Ray that the only thing I was concerned about was Sandy's safety, with the experiment. Sandy goes to light the candle with the same matches that I had out in the kitchen. As she went to light the candle, the flame jumped off the candle, onto her hair, which caught on fire.

And her blouse too! She was able to put it out. But she was real upset with me. She was yelling and I could see that her hair and blouse were on fire. By the time I rushed up to help her, she smothered the flames with her hand. She said, 'You always have to be messing around with that stuff. And you know that it's dangerous. And I told you not to be doing this stuff.' I was glad that she was okay. I felt badly about it."

Shortly after debriefing JN's telephone message, JN's wife telephoned BES's condo and when BES arrived, JN's wife was visiting with BES's wife, about another matter. JN's wife then, without any knowledge of BES's arrival at the condo, suddenly mentioned the SC incident, but only amended the statement by saying that the fire spread from her hair, on the side of her head, to the Icelandic, woolen sweater (i.e. not blouse) that BES's daughter had previously gifted JN's wife. JN's wife was still very angry.

40. January 7, 1994: Friday near 3:07 PM, JN reported that "...I walked into the bathroom and looked in the mirror, and all of a sudden there was a flash of fire, off to my right. A roll of toilet paper had (telekinetically) caught on fire, was engulfed in flames! I hit it, onto the floor. And grabbed handfuls of water, and started throwing water on it, and the rug smothered it out."

When BES asked JN what JN was thinking and feeling about that time, JN said that the telephone rang and, "...you just forget when you try to think back about what happened."

At the conclusion of the interview, when asked about the experiments with fire that JN was working on, JN said, "When I want it to happen, it doesn't. And I have had some problems here and there, when I try to get it together. But I know that I will."

JN again stated that no one was ever injured in his experiments and/or demonstrations.

41. February 10, 1994: Thursday, at 1:30 AM, JN woke and said that a "...candle was floating above me. It was lit! Sandy (JN's wife) was asleep alongside me. (After) a few seconds, it (the lit candle) dropped on me and the candle's flame went out (extinguished). It was dark. When lit, it (the candle) was straight up and down, and then it was horizontal when it landed. The end of the candle was where my belly button is, and the top where the flame was, near my chest. I carried the candle back to the living room and checked the time. I put the candle back into the candle holder on the table. When lit, the candle was floating midway from my body to the ceiling which is seven feet high. It (the candle) illuminated the room pretty well."

42. April 5, 1994: JN reported that on Tuesday near 9:12 PM "...I looked into the mirror and as I looked, the top of my head started to feel warm, then all of a sudden hot! It sounds wild, but all of a sudden the top of my head (hair) ignited. Flames moved around the top of my head, hair singed a bit and the top of my head was warm. I didn't smell anything. Afterward, I looked at my hair in the mirror and it looked a little bit singed."

When JN reported this incident to BES by telephone, BES asked, "What color were the flames?"

JN replied, "Bluish."

BES asked, "What triggered this event?"

JN answered, "I don't know."

43. April 6, 1994: JN telephoned BES and reported that on Wednesday near 11:59 PM "...no one seen what I just witnessed myself."

BES asked, "Your wife, Sandy?"

JN answered, "No, I didn't even mention it to her. But the next day (after the flames on top of head incident 5 April) she does see my hair and then my index finger started to have a tingling sensation to it. I was staring at

my finger and Sandy was looking at me. All of a sudden the tip of the right index finger ignited! It was blazing, bluish flames, about two and a half inches high, and it (flames) went out in a few seconds."

BES said, "Did it hurt?"

JN replied, "Felt hot. Cool-hot."

BES asked, "Did it char the skin?"

JN answered, "Tingling."

BES asked, "How does your index finger feel now?"

JN said, "Like it never happened."

BES said, "What do you make of this?"

JN said, "I don't know."

BES asked, "What were your feelings? Harm? Danger? Getting out of control?"

JN answered, "I don't know, just felt real strange and all of a sudden the tip of my finger felt like needles, tingling, and it ignited. Sandy's eyes got real big and she was surprised to see my finger blazing! And all of a sudden it (flames) went out."

BES asked, "Nothing was on your hands? Gasoline? Kerosene? Lighter fluid? Anything else?"

JN replied, "No."

BES asked, "Did you wash your hands before this?"

JN answered, "No."

BES asked, "Ointment or anything on your hands prior to this?"

JN answered, "No. Just as long as it (flames) doesn't ignite and stay ignited."

44. April 7, 1994: JN reported that the next day, Thursday, near 11:00 PM "...I lit the candle (manually), meditated for awhile and then brought both hands, right and left, to the center of the candle, sort of like moving the ring (formed by my hands around the can-

dle) up the candle (see Research Tape #123) except that the palms of my hands are facing the candle and (when) I came to the candle flame and I concentrated, then all of a sudden the candle's flame separated and came up, off the candle, hanging between my hands. And when it (the separated flame) came to eye level, it burned out (extinguished). The wick (on the candle) was still the same."

BES asked, "Was it just the flame that separated from the candle, without the wick? Was the wick still in the candle?"

JN replied, "The flame was without the wick. That is what I wanted to get on film."

45. April 16, 1994: JN reported that near 2:47 AM "...a white bead, that had black char on one side of it, landed right in front of me as I was coming from the kitchen to the (living room) door! The bead was the size of a quarter. Those beads were inside a half-full cup of beads in the closet. Just a bunch of unstrung beads. At one time, I would heat them (the beads kept in the cup in the closet) up with a hot, cherry red needle (with the point cut off the needle). I (purchased) the beads from a local department store and used these for making self defense weapons. None of the beads were previously charred."

46. May 31, 1994: JN reported that on Tuesday near 11:18 PM his wife, Sandy, was "...sitting on the chair by the Angel Lamp which was on (lamp turned on manually). John (JN's Vietnam friend), Ray and myself were sitting on the couch. All of a sudden, as we were talking, the Angel Lamp's shade fell down, through the lamp itself! And the light bulb was exposed for a few seconds. Then a flash of blue light (occurred) and the (lamp's) bulb burned out completely. The thing (lamp shade) was (tightly) screwed on the (lamp's) shaft and the screw was still on the shaft. It (the lamp's shade) was hung so that it would not fall off."

In response to questions, JN said that his friends and his wife all witnessed

this event, there were no ostensible reasons for the possible matter-through-matter fall of the lamp shade because of the diameters of the threaded decorative cap clamp and the lamp shaft. The disconnected shade, JN said, "...fell onto a box-type fan about knee high," which was close to the table where the Angel Lamp set.

JN continued, "The bulb doesn't look burned out, it's still frosted (frosted glass), one hundred watts."

JN and JN's wife were socializing and JN had no thoughts of experimenting or other kindred notions at the time of this event.

47. July 18, 1994: JN reported that on Monday between 1-2 PM "...I had music on and was practicing martial arts at home. My whole body, legs, waist, were in a defending movement. I was recoiling and using waist, legs and arms in a chain reaction. Powerful! Graceful! All of a sudden I can meditate with movement, like water flowing, and then I was thinking it was becoming more intense, like fire. I thought of my old place (home) where I used to live and I don't know why that flashed into mind, but it did. Right at that moment, when I struck the plastic crystal tape case, it's an all-clear plastic box with no marking paper on it to identify what tapes were in it, it was on the stereo and it flew (telekinetically) off the table! It (the plastic box) was sitting flat on top of the table. It (the plastic box) falls on top of the other tapes that were standing straight up (cassette music tapes not in plastic box). I thought this was very interesting. I thought of the fire, and the place where I used to live, the trailer, and here is what happened. Remember before when I told you the people who moved in there, that the trailer might catch on fire? Sure enough, the wall (at the trailer) caught on fire!"

BES asked, "When?"

JN replied, "Same day that the plastic tape case moved."

BES asked, "What time?"

JN replied, "They didn't know for sure, but they said it (the fire at the trailer) was approximately four o'clock."

BES asked, "Any reason given for the cause of the fire?"

JN replied, "Was in the afternoon."

BES asked, "Was the reason cooking? Cigarettes?"

JN answered, "The wall burst into flames. Interesting, because it was the same direction going from my wall (at JN's current home) to where the trailer would be, facing it. Even the other place (previous home many miles away) on ('X') Street, later on, I heard this place burned down too. I am leery telling you this, but the other trailer that I lived in too had a fire, but they (current residents) got the fire out. They have no idea what caused it (the fire)."

BES asked, "Was anybody hurt?"

JN answered, "No. Ray remembers. One of my concerns about living there, because I told Sandy too, was that if a trailer goes up (fire) it can go quickly."

On August 1, 1994, at approximately 7:30 PM, BES, while visiting in Pennsylvania, interviewed Ray at JN's Martial Arts School. Ray lives close to JN's former trailer and about five miles from JN's current apartment.

Ray said, "Joe's trailer caught fire, I didn't see it."

BES asked, "Was it from matches? A lighter?"

Ray answered, "No. Not that I know of. It happened about three weeks to two months ago."

BES asked, "How did you learn of this?"

Ray answered, "My nephew plays with their (current inhabitants of JN's former home) son. I (telephoned) Joe.

Thought there might be some connection. Joe had told me before that he was fearful of spontaneous combustion."

BES asked, "Did the fire department come?"

Ray answered, "No, as far as I know (they) didn't call anybody."

It is stressed that the latter events are not proven facts but this event, like so much of the better quality psi, is barricaded with resistance and understandable amnesia or conscious suppression. For to report these events or even be aware of these and their significance for oneself can have traumatic effects: the perennial dilemma of parapsychology. Yet, to omit their presentation would or could distort the Gestalt and impair comprehension for what truly goes on, how these happenings might come about and the myriad influences.

48. December 21, 1994: On Wednesday, after a public performance/demonstration earlier in the evening, JN returned home and at 11:57 P.M. while "...sitting at the kitchen table, a paper napkin all of a sudden ignited, levitated up above my head! I was looking at it. It burned completely to ashes, hovered like in a wave, and descended down, in circular rocking (motions)."

JN was by himself and in association with this, JN said, "...within it (the ashes descending downward) I seen different visions, of things to come."

BES asked, "What visions?"

JN replied, "I don't know. I don't like to talk about that. Things I have seen before. Earth has had close calls, like the asteroid that just missed us, natural disasters, and so on."

49. January 27, 1995: While debriefing JN about the previous night's televised experimentation, BES and JN began discussion of human spontaneous combustion (HSC) and JN recalled a possibly related incident of approximately one year prior, saying, "Near dusk, late in the Spring, while walking

in the woods I noticed a crow about thirty to forty feet in the air above me. All of a sudden, it (the flying crow) suddenly burst into flames and fell to the earth. It was totally consumed (by flames)! Because all I found were the freshly singed feathers. It was real. You could smell the burned feathers. I told Ray about it. He once had a pet raven. He understood."

Immediately after JN related this incident, BES left the research room and noticed a double-twisted and curled stainless silver fork beneath the middle television research-camera tripod. Similar to the episode with the crow, JN had no explanation for this happening; JN had not been meditating, or thinking of anything relevant to this event or past event (of the crow) at the time. Since JN had not used a fork in BES' office, he could not account for its presence, position and/or deformity.

When BES spoke with Ray on the telephone January 29, 1995, Ray confirmed the above report of the crow.

While JN was in Vero Beach, Florida, for psi experiments, BES conducted collateral videographed interviews January 29, 1995, (Videotapes #145 and #146) which included more data on SC and closely related phenomena. Even though the precise dates and times are not known for the following accounts, the nature of the material and its possible historic-developmental significance justifies its chronicling:

50. JN stated, "I could cause a glass of ice to ignite into flames."

BES asked, "When?"

JN replied, "Years ago."

BES asked, "How did you think, about that?"

JN answered, "Something about fire and ice, things I've seen. The sense of ice (coldness), with the mind, interesting feeling. If you touch (something) cold, it can be mistaken for hot, and hot for cold. Ice looks like a crystal. (It's) a fascination with ice and fire."

BES asked, "When did this happen? When you were a boy, living with your parents?"

JN said, "When young."

BES asked, "How many times?"

JN said, "Just once when (I) was living at home."

BES asked, "Did your parents see or know about this?"

JN replied, "No."

BES added, "What a shame to have these experiences and not be able to share these with someone."

JN said, "No, a lot of things I didn't tell anybody about."

BES asked, "What was the source of the ice cubes?"

JN answered, "Glass of ice cubes."

BES asked, "How long did the flames last?"

JN said, "(The heat) consumed the water, the glass was empty afterwards."

BES asked, "No water was remaining in the glass?"

JN said, "No. Another time there was water. (The heat) melted the ice and the glass was at least half-full (of water)."

BES asked, "Was the glass originally full of ice? And was the resulting water hot or cold?"

JN answered, "The water was very hot. The glass was hot afterwards, when there was no ice in it. The ice was completely gone, bone empty. The glass was cracked also, didn't explode but shattered, cracked all over but held together."

BES said, "Therefore, you did this twice? When living with your mother and father? Your brother and sister didn't know?"

JN replied, "No."

BES repeated, "They did not know?"

JN added, "I tried it once since."

BES asked, "A third time, since our studies (experiments)?"

JN answered, "Yes."

BES stated, "You never told me."

JN replied, "Other experiments I told you (about, but) I didn't want to tell you because I was working on experiments that shouldn't be mentioned now."

BES asked, "When was the third time?"

JN answered, "About two years ago. A glass of ice, (I) stared into (the) ice cubes and all of a sudden (the ice cubes) ignited and went up (in flames). Less than one-half (glass of) water remaining. (The) water was bubbly hot, like it was boiling."

BES asked, "What were your feelings afterward?"

JN said, "Drained."

BES asked, "Was this late at night?"

JN replied, "Yes."

BES requested, "Can you do this sometime with Sandy videotaping you?"

JN answered, "I don't know."

BES asked, "Can I videotape you?"

JN said, "Yes."

51. BES encouraged JN, saying, "You were telling me (while we were driving) in the car, about spontaneous combustion and the sugar?"

JN answered quickly, "It (sugar) began to char, burst into flames and turned into black gook."

BES asked, "When?"

JN replied, "Probably a year ago."

BES asked, "Was this granulated sugar? Cubes?"

JN answered, "Granulated. I stared at it (in the sugar bowl) and it (the sugar) burned bluish-orange flames, went up

quick. All of a sudden, (the sugar) turned into black gook, a whole bowl of sugar."

BES asked, "Did it smell?"

JN replied, "Had a burned smell."

BES asked, "Was the glass sugar bowl affected?"

JN answered, "Hot."

BES asked, "Could you handle it (the sugar bowl)?"

JN said, "No, I couldn't pick it up or touch it."

BES said, "Flames?"

JN answered, "Just burned."

BES asked, "Did Sandy wonder (about the sugar and the sugar bowl)?"

JN said, "She never seen it."

BES asked, "Did you clean it up?"

JN answered, "I threw it out, the bowl was messed up."

52. BES encouraged JN to share more experiences, asking, "Did you try spontaneous combustion with other materials?"

JN answered, "I tried wood, a block of wood. I knocked it over (telekinetically) and caused it (the wood) to ignite."

BES asked, "When?"

JN replied, "Years ago. One time the end (of the block of wood) caught on fire and then (the flames) went out. Another time, the whole thing (block of wood) caught on fire!"

BES asked, "Was consumed (totally)?"

JN answered, "It burned up into smoldering charcoal. I threw it away."

BES suggested, "Henceforth, please save."

53. BES again encouraged JN, saying, "Did you try hay, grass, seeds?"

JN replied, "Grass, outside in the

woods. One time, I found this area of grass. I (thought) of the burning bush (of the Biblical story). (This was) quite a fire (and I) didn't try to put it out. It (grass and a bush) burned itself out by itself."

54. JN volunteered, saying, "Another time I tried gasoline. It was late at night. I used gasoline to (manually) burn papers. I focused on it (gasoline) and caused it to go up (in flames)."

BES asked, "Where? When?"

JN answered, at the trailer a few years ago, before I moved. (The fire) went out by itself. (The fire) went 'ZWOOM!' Sandy was yelling at me because it (the fire) lit up. We would be in trouble with the Fire Marshall for burning stuff at the wrong time."

BES asked, "How much gasoline?"

JN replied, I soaked it (the papers) good. Sandy was inside. She was aware of the fire because it was so brilliant and bright. After I ignited the fire, I controlled it (telekinetically). I focused my energies on it, directed it to move from where it was burning, (back) into itself. (The fire) finally went out. Good thing it (the experience) didn't wake anyone up, a bonfire. After I caused the fire, it was exciting controlling the fire! Causing the flames to go in one direction, and then another direction. Whenever I would focus the energy, the fire would go in that direction. Finally, I focused on causing the fire to die down, like in the video (Videotape #109) when you see me bring my hands down and the fire will shrink into nothing."

55. JN continued to share, saying, "Another time I haven't told you about was causing (telekinetically) the flame from a candle to move to another candle. I would concentrate and hold my finger on the candle's wick and (then) take it off the wick and slide it over to another candle, causing that one to ignite."

BES asked, "Any burning on your finger?"

JN replied, "I don't think so. The flame was attached somehow to my finger. I would hold two (upright) candles close to each other and bring the flame over to the other candle. Another time I would concentrate and move the candle flame from the finger and cause the flame to follow my finger and (then go) down the side of the candle, and then bring it back on the side."

BES added, "The candle moved from a horizontal to a vertical position."

JN said, "And I would touch the wick with my finger and move the flame back to the wick."

BES asked, "When did you do this?"

JN said, "At least one year ago."

56. BES encouraged JN to share more, saying, "You were telling me (while we were driving) in the auto, about the fluorescent tube?"

JN said, "Causing it to illuminate and then shatter."

BES asked, "When?"

JN said, "Several years ago. Fifteen watt."

BES found a similar tube in his office, 18 inches long, and JN nodded affirmatively.

JN added, "Caused it (telekinetically) to get brighter and brighter, extremely bright, and all of a sudden it would explode into fragments! This is what I am hoping to do in my performance. Exciting! I have done it before and know that I can do it (again)."

BES said, "How many times have you done this?"

JN replied, "I tried it many times, but succeeded four times. Other successes were half-way, I could illuminate the (fluorescent) lights but then these would not shatter, or (these would) shatter and not light."

BES asked, "It's difficult to get the two effects, illumination and shattering, together?"

JN replied, "Yes. Another time it (the fluorescent light) moved (telekinetically) off the (Plexiglas) stand. No one would touch it."

BES asked, "How did you do the experiment?"

JN answered, "From a distance, it messed me up doing it close (because of) the fear of shattering. I'm concerned about the audience. I would never jeopardize anybody."

57. While pursuing this subject with BES, JN then remembered another incident, stating, "I have put hot, glowing ball bearings in my mouth."

BES asked, "How did you heat the ball bearings?"

JN replied, "I heated these up cherry-red with a blow torch. I held (the ball bearings) in my hands and then placed (one) in my mouth and then actually spit it out."

BES asked, "In your mouth for how long?"

JN answered, "So many seconds."

BES asked, "How large was the ball bearing?"

JN said, "Larger than a marble," and then demonstrated the size with his fingers, showing 2-3 cms diameter.

Part II

Videographed SC Experiments, and JN's Wife

Before her marriage to JN, Sandy once recalled, "...there was a spider in my bathtub, big one too! Joe said that he just had the compulsion to do it."

JN interjected, "I stared at the spider and he (the spider) started to smoke, and just burned up."

In recent times Sandy has video-graphed many of JN's experiments, including several with SC. At all times JN was on camera: viz. there were no cuts or interruptions; the reported experiments are continuous.

1. May 27, 1991: JN stated that near 3 AM, "...after the fourth trial, I finally caught spontaneous combustion on film (Videotape #55). Tissue paper placed on a plate, and I was sitting across the room, on the couch, in the Lotus Position...."

In his debriefing of this episode, JN also recalled how once a telekinetically levitated candle which had been (manually) lit first, the flame suddenly extinguished when the levitated candle fell.³⁰ Then he went back to the SC with the tissue paper:

"...the whole paper burst into flames, (which) consumed the whole paper! Afterwards, I was pretty tired. Sandy was with me." (See Figure 3)

2. January 1, 1992: Near 3:15 AM, JN placed a partially crumpled paper tissue in the palm of his open, left hand while sitting on the floor of his home in a Lotus Position, and he held a lit candle in his right hand. On camera he was entranced. An audiotape of Japanese music played in the background. Within seconds the paper tissue slightly levitated from his hand and then slowly glided in undulating fashion laterally, an estimated 12 inches, to hover approximately one inch above the lit candle until the tissue exploded in a blue-white flash, the light appeared to fill the room (television screen) (See Figures 4A-4B). There was no apparent residue and JN did not mention the incident to BES. This episode is included because in a control study when a similar paper tissue ignited, instead of a sudden total illumination, there was a relative gradual progression of yellow flames which were slow-burning and left a black ash residue after a lapse of seconds.

3. February 20, 1993: In response to questions about a recent television show of a Russian³⁶ demonstrating sparks coming out of his fingers and his resulting burning of a pattern into a newspaper, JN said, "I was fascinated, because I have done similar things myself. I draw things with my fingers."

BES asked, "With burning or sparks from your fingers?"

JN answered, "Burning. I wrote different letters and symbols, did (this) quite some time ago."

In videotaped experiment #107, after a dangerous and successful feat at 2:29 AM, JN sat with head hyper-extended and eyes closed, hands folded and church steepled cephalad, assumed Lotus Position and at 2:33 AM, JN's eyes were open, he unfolded his hands. Then JN knelt on his knees in front of an oval table, cropped his hands around—but not touching—a burning (manually lit) candle: the full flame (telekinetically) extinguished.

4. March 24, 1993: In Videotape #108, near 11:19 PM, JN dropped a miniature flashbulb into a glass goblet, with pinging sound. JN's wife put on a new Kitaro, Japanese music audio-cassette for background music, volume was low so the music would not bring JN out of trance. Prior to this, JN's wife checked a battery with a meter. JN then held the glass goblet in his left hand and stared at it, eyes closed. Then he held the goblet in his right hand and 'zapped' the goblet with his left hand. The battery (telekinetically) moved about the table, without any apparent human contact. At 1:41 AM, the flashbulb light flashed, the battery appeared discharged (meter shows discharge). JN emptied the glass goblet, the flashbulb had aneurysmal distortions and the goblet's glass became smoked and cloudy.

5. May 1, 1993: In Videotape #109, JN's 35th birthday, at 1:20 AM, JN filled a glass goblet one-half full with water, (manually) lit (manually) a candle and placed the candle to one side of the table. Music in the background, 'Cat in a Cradle,' played. JN sipped water from the goblet and then repeated another sipping, overturned the goblet onto his right palm, fingers of his left hand are on the goblet's stem. He removed his palm from the overturned mouth of the goblet. Then JN picked up the

overturned goblet and the liquid did not flow out. JN then held the upside-down goblet with the fluid over serrated, clear glass saucer on the table, six inches above the saucer. JN then poured the fluid into the saucer and there was a sudden flame over the table (covers the television screen). No apparent residue is noticed as flames quickly subside. No change is noticed in the candle throughout this experiment. Then JN made Ninja postures with his hands. Now there is no evidence of the liquid (water). Time of this experiment: water in goblet to ignition is three minutes 34 seconds (See Figures 5A, 5B, 5C).

6. May 30, 1993: During Videotape #110 experiment in his home, JN sat on the floor of the living room in a Lotus Position, holding in his hands the duel-prong wall plug of a 500 watt, halogen, six foot tall, floor lamp. At 11:36 PM the halogen bulb brilliantly lit the room in a flash which lasted a fraction of a second; JN was tremulous following this incident.

7. August 20, 1993: In Videotape #113 experiment, among various experiments JN rolled a dollar bill into the shape of a tube and, while he was entranced, JN's wife poured salt into the tube which now rested vertically on JN's outstretched left palm. JN's wife lifted the tube, in her right hand, and moved it over seven envelopes which contained names written on cards. JN's wife made one pass over the envelopes with the dollar bill tube, and while doing this, JN held his right hand above his wife's hand that held the dollar tube with the salt—the salt suddenly flowed downward, with gravitational pull, onto the card that JN has telepathically-telekinetically released/projected: the envelope with the name 'Karen.' The *raison d'être* and mental imagery is planned and consistent with this feat. The dollar bill that was used for the tube was found charred a few days later when JN was looking for a different specimen to send JN.

8. January 20, 1994: At 11:49 PM, JN's wife showed a complete book of safety matches close-up to the camera lens; then (while on screen all the time) she put the book of matches on the table in front of JN who then took these and, using one match in his right hand, lit (manually) a candle to his right side. He extinguished (manually) the match. Oriental music played on an audio-cassette in the background. JN held the matchbook in his right hand and the matches inside ignited spontaneously within a second, when approximately 12-14 inches away from the candle's flame; the matches exploded into flames, then flared, and then extinguished. On inspection, all matches were ignited—but only the matchheads were charred, with contiguous charring of the inside white cardboard cover; however, in the middle of the inside matchbook cover which was clear before, the word 'HELP' was written, apparently from the char.

When BES asked JN about the modus for the message, JN said that the word 'HELP' related to an (intuition) he had received recently (telepathically) involving two girls who were stranded in their automobile in the snow, on the coldest day of the year, and he was trying to send help (i.e. 'heat pockets') and also to awaken their father from his late night's sleep so that the father could rescue his daughters. It was impossible to check his intuition with reality, but this is what JN believed to be the case and in other similar instances, he has been correct. (See Figure 6, flaming book of matches, 'HELP' on the inside cover).

9. January 21, 1994: At 3:13 AM, after numerous attempts (which failed) JN had his wife hold a new book of safety matches and a metal clamp in front of the camera lens. Then JN ripped the front matchbook cover off and had his wife attach the base of the book of matches to the metal clamp, which she was holding in her left hand. While entranced and with his fingers extended several inches laterally from the match-

es, JN 'zapped' the matches while his wife sat to his left at a right angle to JN. After nine seconds, the matches exploded into flames which continued to burn, igniting with mini-eruptions extending approximately several inches out-ward until JN took a deep breath and blew these out (manually). Upon inspection, the matchheads were all ignited but the paper stems were, for the most part, not charred. This event was accompanied with an audio-cassette of popular music with an interpolated Gregorian chant, a musical selection which JN was fond of and which he found effective with his entrancements. (See Figure 7A, flaming matches where the matchbook is held in the clamp placed in JN's wife's hand and Figure 7B, ignited match-heads with uncharred stems).

10. February 10, 1994: At 11:47 the camera showed a close-up of a metal clamp and a new book of matches. At 11:42 PM, JN had (manually) lit a candle to his right, then set it in the middle of the table; oriental music with a woman's voice singing played in the background. He placed the book of matches in the clamp, and placed these upright on the table. With this fingers extended and at times with his eyes closed, JN 'zapped' the matches—which ignited after three minutes and 15 seconds. The matches burned with outbursts, until the flames almost subsided and then JN (manually) blew these out. JN's wife filmed the remaining charred matchbook (note Example 45, Part I, Clinical vignettes for specificity and chronology and this episode; See Figure 8, flaming matches in metal clamp as JN 'zapped' these).

11. March 6, 1994: After telephonic synchrony/telepathy between JN in Washington, Pennsylvania, and BES in Vero Beach, Florida, JN suggested the creation of a long-distance psi experiment. JN requested BES to procure 40 personal calling cards (BES's) and to put the names of 40 non-virgins on the back-sides, then to place each card inside an envelope, seal these and apply clear, adhesive tape over the

flaps; 20 envelopes with enclosed cards were put inside a cardboard box and 20 in another cardboard box, both of which were placed on top of a filing cabinet in BES's conference (office) room. Two additional envelopes were then similarly prepared, but the names typed onto BES' calling cards were those of two maidens, preferably 16 year olds. Prior to sealing these two envelopes with tape 48 mm. wide and approximately 12-14 cm. in length, BES looked at the typed names of the two maidens with focused concentration, for approximately two minutes.

During the weekly debriefing on March 13, 1994, at 11:17 AM, JN requested that BES concentrate on the two maiden's names at 9 PM that night with relaxing music and one lit candle beside BES. He instructed, "First clear your mind for two minutes, then think of the typed name of one maiden, for one minute." Then the process was to be repeated for the other maiden.

That night at 9 PM, BES sat beside a lit candle, with relaxing music playing in the background, and 'erased' (cleared) his mind. Then BES printed the name 'Jackie Bair' onto a slip of paper and repeated the process by printing 'Summer Tucker' onto a second paper. After these actions, BES telephoned JN shortly after 9 PM, and asked for JN's reactions.

JN replied, "I seen a girl laying on a bear rug by the fireplace. (The words) 'Sweet Jackie,' that is what I seen. I could try and pick up the other one (but) I picked up flashes, that did not make sense. It seemed to be like the same person, but it didn't seem like the same person. The name 'Tanya' came to mind. Was the first name (Jackie) right? Was the second name right?"

BES answered, "One name is right. Yet, both are right. Jackie and Tanya are identical twins who recently turned seventeen. The full name of the first girl is Jackie Bair."

JN happily injected, "So that is where the bear came from."

BES replied, "Yes. And her twin's name is Tanya. You wanted sixteen year old girls, and I didn't know of any maidens that age until I went to my dental hygienist the day after your original request and she volunteered that her identical, left-handed twins recently had their seventeenth birthday."

It should be mentioned that JN briefly saw these twins March 3, 1990, during a public performance where, among ongoing performance feats of JN's, Jackie had JN's initials ('JN') spontaneously appear on a metal key as if engraved, as did several other people in the audience including a nearby set of adult identical female twins.²⁹ JN also received a fan letter from Jackie near that time. However, of all the possible names to think of, JN chose 'Jackie.'

Per JN's instructions, BES and JN then proceeded to the second part of the experiment. The 40 sealed envelopes were added to the two containing the names of Jackie Bair and Summer Tucker, all these were shuffled and immediately mailed to JN.

On the March 20, 1994, debriefing JN requested a photograph of Jackie Bair; he said this would be added to the next part of the ongoing experiment. BES told JN that this might be difficult but Jackie's mother would be asked for the photograph of Jackie. BES telephoned Jackie and her mother and they agreed to supply the photograph, one that was taken at age 16, a few months before, which had just been delivered to them. However, because of the uncertainty of receiving the photograph right away and the importance of the experiment, BES photo'd from the videotaped film of the audience during JN's premier Vero Beach, Florida, performance of 3 March, 1990, several shots of Jackie and mailed these on 22 March, 1994, to JN with a statement typed on a separate paper inside the envelope that these photographs might not be satisfactory and if Jackie's mother delivered the promised updated photograph, this would be sent to JN at once. As was learned subsequently and which BES was ignorant of at

that time, JN did not find BES's photo shots from the videotape film satisfactory.

Early Tuesday morning, March 29, 1994, BES entered his office and found an envelope containing a colored portrait photo of Jackie, in the office mail slot. On the backside of the photograph, Jackie's mother had printed 'Jackie Bair, Sebastian, FL, 1994.' BES immediately typed a letter to JN stating, "I enclose what was in my mail slot this morning, the photo of the one that you telepathically apprehended so correctly," and mailed this.

At the weekly audiotaped, telephonic debriefing April 3, 1994, JN told BES that on March 29, 1994, Tuesday, at 5 PM he "...went to the Post Office to get the mail and found an envelope with no address. Written in the middle of the envelope is the name 'Jackie' and the date 'three, twenty-nine, ninety-four' (See Figure 9). The envelope contains the color photo of Jackie and it was included, in the post office box, with other items and junk mail."

In response to BES' questions, it was clear that JN did not receive the sealed, stamped, post-marked envelope BES had sent which contained also the typed message and from which the small envelope with the photo of Jackie inside had been originally placed.

JN explained, "I'm somewhat frustrated because I used the other picture of Jackie for the experiment and it (the ongoing experiment between BES in Florida and JN in Pennsylvania) was not working. You said you mailed the other (color) picture on the twenty-ninth and here I got it on the twenty-ninth! We filmed on Monday (March 28th) night and it (the date) turned into the twenty-ninth and at five o'clock (PM) that is when I received it (inner sealed envelope with Jackie's photograph). I was wondering how it got mailed that way. The Post Office couldn't have possibly done that."

The original envelope/letter, that originally contained the Jackie color photograph, arrived two days later! There

was no indication of the envelope's seal being broken or tampered with. JN was to send me the envelope, which he saved.

In his preparations, JN meditated on Jackie who, although he was unaware of it, might have had striking psychodynamic similarities to JN's sister's and perhaps JN's mother's situations. In all these instances JN mentally projected a protective posture; this was apparently central to his purpose and the driving 'force' and focus for many successful experiments thusfar recorded and in the foregoing.

12. On March 25, 1994, at 12:10 AM, JN began the next phase of his experiment involving Jackie. While always in front of the camera, JN's wife showed each sealed individual envelope containing cards with the names of the 40 non-virgins and the two maidens (42 cards). She placed these inside a plastic aquarium, then removed six envelopes and placed these before JN, who sat on the floor in a Lotus Position, with his eyes closed and with music playing in the background. JN became entranced and made passes with his outstretched hands over the envelopes; this was repeated three times (24 envelopes). After each repetition, JN's wife placed the batch of 'scanned' six cards aside, into a cardboard box. Then the experiment was suspended and resumed the next night shortly after midnight when JN's wife again shuffled and placed the 42 sealed envelopes inside the aquarium. She then removed six, one at a time, and placed these before JN who again became entranced. On the third batch of envelopes, the card in position Number Five (the 17th envelope) of the laid-out six, JN developed tremors of his outstretched right hand, began minimal flexion and rotation of his torso, then touched and picked up the envelope and placed this between the long axis between his palms and outstretched fingers. Within a few minutes smoke began to pour out of the sealed envelope for approximately two minutes and 24 seconds, between Joe's extended fingers (See Figure

10A). JN then set the envelope down on the floor, apart from the other envelopes.

JN's wife took a scissors and cut off the edge of the uncharred envelope and removed a charred and partially burned calling card; on the side opposite BES's printed name was the typed name of the maiden 'Summer Tucker' (See Figure 10B), the name that JN did not correctly determine earlier on the long distance telepathic experiment, getting instead the correct name 'Jackie' and then her twin's name 'Tanya' (Although JN did not know this, Summer was 12 years old and not the preferred 16)

JN's wife then replaced the envelopes into the aquarium while JN resumed his Lotus Position and entrancement. JN's wife then displayed on camera a brass flower pot and tray into which she placed the 41 remaining envelopes, one by one, after showing each to the camera. She attached the color photograph of Jackie to the side of the brass pot with putty and JN made passes with his hands over the mouth of the pot while oriental music blared in the background, suddenly ended, and the experiment was discontinued.

Three nights later at 11:43 PM, JN's wife again displayed on camera the empty brass pot with two holes for drainage on the bottom and the separate metal tray. She then transferred the shuffled 41 envelopes into the pot after showing each sealed, individual envelope to the camera. While entranced and during the female-whispering song on the audio-cassette, JN again made his passes without any noticeable effects with his right hand, fingers and thumb abducted, approximately eight inches over the brass pot which now contained the sealed envelopes.

The following morning, March 30, 1994, at 12:34 AM, approximately 54 minutes later, the experiment was repeated; however, this time the audio-cassette played the familiar and stirring Kitaro (Japanese) music, the same exotic melody that JN had used countless

previous times in numerous successful videotaped psi experiments.

With stern face and within 12 minutes JN 'zapped' the brass pot with his outstretched, tremulous, right hand—several inches above the orifice—while his left hand was tightly clenched into a fist. Within 36 seconds the pot exploded seemingly synchronously with the eerie harmonies of the music and JN's hand movements went into bluish-white flames which rose approximately 18 to 22 inches high, above the pot (See Figure 11A). As far as could be determined from viewing this videotape, JN's eyes were closed throughout most of the experiment. Then while there was a flare of flames, JN thrust his right hand into the burning, hot cauldron for approximately 48 seconds and retrieved a charred and partially burned calling card with the typed name 'Jackie Bair' (See Figure 11B). After holding this card a short while, JN placed the card on the pot below Jackie's photo, where the card seemed to adhere by itself. In response to BES's later posed questions, JN informed BES that he did not suffer any burns, redness, pain, swelling, blistering, singe or odor.

After several minutes the fire went out and JN's wife videographed the Jackie photo stuck to the side of the hot pot and the card with Jackie's name; the photo was not burned, charred or curled from the heat. The pot of ashes was displayed and JN pulled out a partially burned envelope which he wondered if it was the one that originally contained the card with 'Jackie' typed on it. The ashes were then dumped onto the tray. The camera was zoomed to a close-up view of a fragment of card that was later seen on videotape playback during the time of JN's extracting the 'Jackie' card from the flaming pot.

During playback a bright, red, glowing, fragment levitated out of the pot and went up and down, high into the air above JN and then went off camera, then came back on screen and landed on the couch behind JN. The fragment on close-up focus read 'MD' and on

the reverse there was typed 'LOIS' (See Figure 12A, 12B, and 12C). To back-track, JN stated in answer to my question about "Why Lois?" that "Yeah, her name came up, out of the fire, as I was seeing this in my mind. You'll see (the fragment) coming up, out of the fire, hover, and come back down again. You can tell, it lands on the couch."

JN related his imagery of Lois to an attempt to help her, whom he presumed to have a problem which was analogous to that which Jackie, his sister, and also his mother had faced. In his sister's case he might have been of considerable help to her in a dangerous situation.

JN said, "As I pulled it (Jackie card) out of the flame, all of a sudden I began to get flashes of Lois (a young grandmother who has befriended JN). As I was holding Jackie's name I could 'see' Lois running toward me. She was frightened. And in a panic. I could 'see' running behind her a man of anger and evil, chasing her. I told her to get behind me, and I would protect her (condensation psychologically: Lois, also Jackie, JN's sister and JN's mother). I would not want her to end up in a relationship like my sister did. It would be terrible for her to get her life messed up with somebody like that."

After concluding this experiment, JN left Jackie's photograph attached to the brass pot. However, JN and JN's wife discovered at 12:54 AM, that the Panasonic camcorder 'date/time' failed to function and later on 'playback' the projected tape had a greenish hue on-screen. Arrangements were made to borrow from a friend another camcorder (General Electric) while JN was still in the proper mental set and at 2:15 AM, while kneeling before the brass pot with Jackie's photograph still attached, JN's wife videographed a successful matter-through-matter experiment.

13. Using a borrowed General Electric camcorder on April 2, 1994, JN's wife videographed Jackie's photograph and

the opposite side which had Jackie's inscribed name, hometown, state and the year. Also JN said that he had written some protective symbols on the backside of the photograph with a black, ball-point inkpen.

Before retiring, JN said that he had placed the Jackie photograph upright, against a candelabrum and that the photograph remained there until 8:35 A.M. (April 5, 1994) when JN's wife woke and prepared to leave for work; JN was sleeping in the bedroom after a night of experimentation. JN's wife was surprised to notice that the inkpen which JN had used for his protective symbols and which JN placed next to the photograph were now thrust through the photograph in the region of Jackie's right elbow! JN's wife immediately videographed this effect from all positions (See Figures 13A, 13B and 13C). However, when JN woke and prepared for his day he noticed the photograph and inkpen were as these were originally, and the photograph did not show any hole, jagged edges and/or signs of damage (See Jackie photos before experiments, A and B, 14C and 14D). JN was surprised, though, to see that his protective symbols were no longer on the backside of the photograph although all other printed data was exactly as it was previously. When JN sent the photographs and inkpen to BES there was no indication of damage and/or puncture to the photograph, nor was there any impression from writing the protective symbols on the backside of the photograph, no erasure marks and so forth.

JN said, "Sandy seen that. She is the one that filmed that. I was still in bed sleeping because when I got up, I didn't notice anything different on the table. It just was as it was. Later on, I seen it going through the picture when I put the film on. I didn't see the pen (actually) going through the picture."

Although this account is abridged for the sake of reading comprehension and to protect the privacy of those involved, it is stressed that rather than the commission of unintentional er-

rors it is admittedly incomplete and gives only a partial glimpse of the complexities of the psychic nexus which in this example some aspects had to be omitted. Nevertheless, whatever the interpretations, the FACTS are exactly as described.

PART III

MONITORED-VIDEOGRAPHED EXPERIMENTS BY BES

1. June 6, 1991: At 9:20 PM, JN was with BES in the Ramada Motel, Worthington, Pennsylvania, when JN suddenly said, "We can try the bulb (sc) without music. Bring a light bulb!"

BES turned off the overhead light so the bulb would cool, then unscrewed the 67 watt, General Electric, Phillips A 67 WMP 99 bulb.

JN stood, stretched and paced the floor. BES' wife and JN's wife, who were away from the room, returned. Suddenly JN asked to conduct the experiment outdoors. Everybody walked outside to the lawn, near the pool. JN then held the bulb between his second and third terminal phalanxes of his right and left hands, at the bulb's widest breadth. While entranced at 9:56 PM, after approximately two minutes and 30 seconds, the bulb (telekinetically) ignited in a brilliant flash of light and burned out, as was confirmed shortly afterward on testing the bulb for functioning (Research Videotape #57).

JN collapsed from this exertion and lay on the ground for several minutes. Later he said that he "blackened out" from the flash; he felt uncomfortable and pointed diffusely to his epigastrium.

JN's wife explained that she had seen him do this before, and similar demonstrations, and that she was upset that the "...bulb did not stay lit." (See Figure 15A, 15B, and 15C)

JN then recalled a recent performance before Girl Scout leaders where one of the women brought a lightbulb which

at the conclusion of the performance, JN ignited mentally. JN said, "...it flickered, moved violently (telekinetically), lit fully, and then went out."

2. June 7, 1991: JN and BES discussed the possibility of attempting a safe experiment for SC, and drove from the Ramada Motel to JN's trailer home. Upon arrival near 12 noon, they heard a smoke alarm beeping. Hurriedly JN entered his home as smoke issued out the opened front door. He noticed immediately that a roll of upright paper towels beside the kitchen sink counter was on fire! JN put the fire out with a nearby fire extinguisher and knocked the paper towel roll from the counter into the sink. He turned the fan on to exhaust the smoke from the kitchen. There was no ascribable reason for this blaze and JN blamed himself for the fire and stated that this was related to the fact that he was not successful in 'psi-dowsing' the candle flame earlier.

JN said, "Once I do the candle thing, I can control the fire."

JN was fearful that his wife would reprove him.

When the kitchen was cleared of this episode, JN showed BES a cotton towel that had recently been hanging on a kitchen chair while he was experimenting from the couch in the adjacent living room, approximately 18 feet away. The towel (telekinetically) caught fire while he was 'focusing' on something else.

JN then showed BES a clay statue that JN had made and which recently (telekinetically) moved off the counter.

For several of these events see Research Videotape #58.

Among other psi-associated episodes, JN brought out a jar containing a shattered water glass and a small trash basket that recently contained paper that was near his typewriter which (telekinetically) caught fire and JN put this out (manually). Finally, JN pointed to a spot on the wall near the living room ceiling where he 'zapped' a mosquito

which then had 'disappeared' in "...a whisper of smoke." This event allegedly took place approximately eight feet from JN. JN then told BES about the evening event when JN was meditating and suddenly the home's smoke alarm "...wouldn't turn off." He smelled smoke coming from the bathroom and when he went to investigate he saw a towel which hung on the shower curtain bar glowing with an orange-blue flame. He put this fire out and the towel crumbled and fell apart! Again, he said that, "...I want to do the candle thing (psi dowsing) to stop this stuff. Once I put the flame out, it is a way to turn it (SC) off."

3. August 26, 1991: On Monday at 9:57 PM (Videotape #64) in a few experiments at the Washington, Pennsylvania, motel room JN unsuccessfully tried to (telekinetically) snuff out BES owned hurricane candles. JN expressed a desire to return to his home where the audiotaped music would be conducive to his trance.

At 11:20 P.M. at JN's home, JN and BES set up a bridge table and placed a hurricane candle on the surface. JN wore a black, sleeveless T-shirt, no masking tape for his mouth was available, all doors and windows were shut. JN (manually) lit the hurricane candle while BES videotaped this procedure, then JN sat on his living room couch in front of the lit candle while music played in the background.

At 11:33 PM, JN stood and went to a drawer near the kitchen sink and removed a plastic fork and two steel forks and one steel spoon. JN handed a steel fork to BES, who was still operating the camcorder, and held a plastic fork in his right hand and then placed the other metal fork and the spoon on the table near the lit candle. JN began to massage the plastic fork and the fork (telekinetically) bent against gravity. Although not seen on viewing the videotape, the fork and the spoon spontaneously deformed, i.e. distal stem of fork bent inferiorly approximately 20 degrees and the spoon's stem near the bowl had double undu-

lating bends. BES's fork had no effect. The candle (telekinetically) extinguished.

JN relit (manually) the candle and then used Ninja palm thrusts, with outstretched hands, and (telekinetically) snuffed out the candle's flame on the seventh try; his hands were approximately an inch from the flame. After a rest, JN did not attempt to (telekinetically) light the candle because, "...it's (psi) not there now. I was feeling pretty good. But it left me."

At 11:51 PM, JN and BES concluded this experimentation and turned off the camcorder.

4. July 19, 1992: At 9:20 AM, after a successful evening of (telekinetic) psi demonstrations in Vero Beach, Florida, to guests (Videotape #89) which included BES' son, BES entered his office and discovered mayhem which included a dollar bill that had been balanced on a pin beneath an overturned aquarium was now charred and melded; Washington's face was up and melded with another \$1 Washington face in the letter 'T'. The bottom view, there was a hole burned through the 'T' (See Videotape #87).

5. September 12, 1992: At Washington, Pennsylvania, (Videotape #89) at JN's home, BES at 11:20 PM, took a one dollar bill from his own pocket, crumpled this and put it into his right hand. JN lit (manually) a candle and set this on an oval table, then changed the audiotaped music in the background. JN 'flamed' his Tibetan ceremonial dagger in fire, then he bathed without apparent pain his recently injured and sutured left thenar eminence in flame. BES was approximately five to six feet away from JN. Then JN thrust his left and right upper extremities, his eyes stared and he appeared exhausted.

At 11:34 PM, JN collapsed on the living room couch, slept, then woke, stood, and turned off the music, saying, "See if anything happened."

BES opened his right hand and discovered that the dollar bill's George Wash-

ington's face was charred, black, with a linear slit 1.5 cm. on the face (See Figure 16). BES felt no discomfort in his hand and no sensation of heat during this experience; JN experienced no erythema or edema of thenar eminence; some blackening.

Discussion

The rarity of SC effects/experiments and its theoretical/practical aspects justify reporting Joe Nuzum's anecdotal material in addition to the more acceptable material that was video-graphed by his wife and data observed and recorded by BES. In this way a more complete picture is presented, showing the distribution, surrounding factors and conditions and to some extent the apparent critical situational dynamics: the psychic nexus.

As can be seen in numerous examples, SC occurred in association with a conglomeration of other disparate psychic effects. Although the credibility of the paragnost might naturally be questioned or, for that matter, for those who would study him it should be stressed that in 11 years of investigation there has never been any doubt of Joe Nuzum's honesty and trustworthiness in reporting his experiences. This opinion is also based on BES' contacts with Nuzum's wife, mother, father, sister, brother and friends. Furthermore, Nuzum being severely dyslexic is limited in knowledge that he might have derived from reading and, despite extreme financial-material hardships, he has always maintained the highest probity and integrity.

Rather than becoming mired in a prolixity of testimonials and statements that may never encourage many minds, it might be more to the point to highlight several things that Nuzum has accomplished which have been carefully documented. From these examples, it would be reasonable to assume that Joe Nuzum does have the ability to cause SC, that these events are not due to the usually ascribed causes, e.g. gas, sparks, sudden rise in temperature, or related to exotic possibilities

as espoused by Fortean researcher Larry Arnold." At times Nuzum can apparently exert some control over SC and, as a matter of fact, he prides himself on this dangerous control which paradoxically he relates to his ability to 'dowse' flames. This in turn is often connected to his accompanying vivid mental imagery and highly charged, associative-emotional factors, often with emergency life-and-death, fight-flight-fear implications—events which resonate psycho-dynamically with significant episodes in Nuzum's own past life. This is entirely similar to what Professor Tenhaeff brilliantly pointed out numerous times in his classical study of paragnosts, i.e. they discover through their own significant unconscious complexes or formative years experiences.³⁸⁻⁴¹ In like manner, Joe Nuzum's 'planned' psi effects (e.g. SC) might be self-programmed and germinate in his mind as he mentally prepares for the phenomena and, then, these are 'all of a sudden' released into action when he is entranced.

That some magicians can produce effects that can simulate genuine psi does not mean that what they produced was the same as the genuine; for, unless they brought about effects under the same exact experimental conditions that prevailed with the better controlled presumed psi data, their claims and remonstrations should not be considered.

As in states of dissociation in general, it would be singular to delineate any neurophysiological correlates. Perhaps Joe Nuzum's SC examples could afford opportunity to probe these and other interrelated psi talents because of their relative frequency, his element of control over these events, and his cooperation, providing that researchers for their parts know their subject (i.e. JN and psi) and they try to adjust the experiments in accordance to these often subtle and taxing conditions, e.g. sometimes staying awake all night as the 'engines of psi' are stoked. Again, it is evident that these experiments can be highly dangerous and while performing these and monitoring Joe, ap-

propriate safeguards and ethical considerations should always be observed. *Primum non nocere*.

The overall reported SC examples indicate that in some instances there are other intriguing fundamental considerations. For example, the element of apparent induction of heat in many of the experiments and, also, the video-graphed/recorded explosive bursting into flames of paper tissues (Part II, #1 and #2), the episodes where water ignites when following or 'psi released' from an anti-gravity position (Part II, #5), and analogously for the apple juice and yogurt (Part I, #35 and Part I, #33) episodes. Could these latter instances be examples of psi-induced, molecular dissociation? Or electrolysis of water into its flammable components of hydrogen and oxygen? Or could these presumed explosive releases of energy be related to a biological quasi-mini-electromagnetic pulse?⁴² Therefore, what might appear to be simple matter on superficial observation—the 'entertainment quotient'—is really a multifaceted complex with tentacles into various real life and psychic nexus factors.

Rather than expand on various conjectures, the reader might prefer to do his/her own speculating on the tantalizing inter-relationships of body-mind-matter-and-psi as demonstrated countless times over the years by Joe Nuzum. At the least, it can be said that it is highly likely that the reported incidents of SC happened exactly as described and many or most or all should be accorded the status of facts no matter how difficult for the reader to accept or to integrate these with his/her usual orthodox understanding of science. These facts beg for attention and explanation.

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Legends

Figure 1: Possible long distance telekinetic slash in plastic shade.

Figure 2A: Perrier bottle with cap inside.

Figure 2B: Charred Play-Dough figure.

Figure 3A: Paper tissue on plate as Joe Nuzum meditates.

Figure 3B: Combustion of paper tissue.

Figure 3C: Aftermath—no evidence of paper tissue.

Figure 4A: Levitated paper tissue.

Figure 4B: Paper tissue bursts into flame.

Figure 5A: Sipping water from goblet.

Figure 5B: Overturned goblet with water in anti-gravity position.

Figure 5C: Combustion of water.

Figure 6A: Book of matches before experiment.

Figure 6B: Flaming book of matches.

Figure 6C: Charred 'HELP' on inside cover of book of matches.

Figure 7A: Flaming book of matches in metal clamp, held by JN's wife.

Figure 7B: Ignited matchheads and uncharred match stems.

Figure 8: Flaming matches in metal clamp as JN 'Zaps.'

Figure 9: Envelope with 'JACKIE' and date 'three, twenty-nine, ninety-four.'

Figure 10A: Envelope with smoke pouring out.

Figure 10B: BES business card with 'SUMMER TUCKER' on plain side.

Figure 11A: JN's hand inside the flames from the brass pot.

Figure 11B: Charred and burned BES business card with the typed name 'JACKIE BAIR.'

Figure 12A: Burned fragment of BES business card with the typed name 'LOIS' and burned fragment of card in air.

Figure 12B: Burned fragment of BES business card with 'MD' on one side.

Figure 12C: Fragment with 'LOIS' on reverse side.

Figure 13A, B, & C: Pen through photograph of Jackie.

Figure 14: Jackie photographs before experiments—A and B, 14C and 14D.

Figure 15A: JN holding lightbulb in his hands and concentrates.

Figure 15B: Bulb lights.

Figure 15C: JN collapses.

Figure 16: Charred dollar bill with slits.

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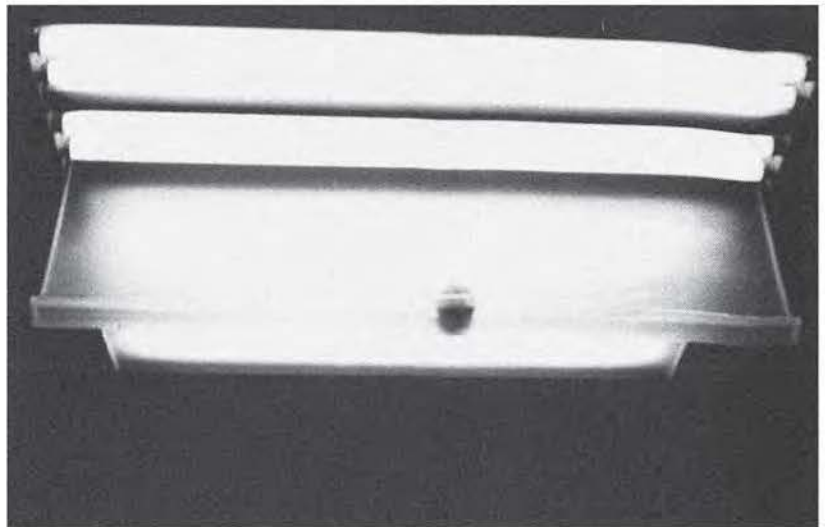


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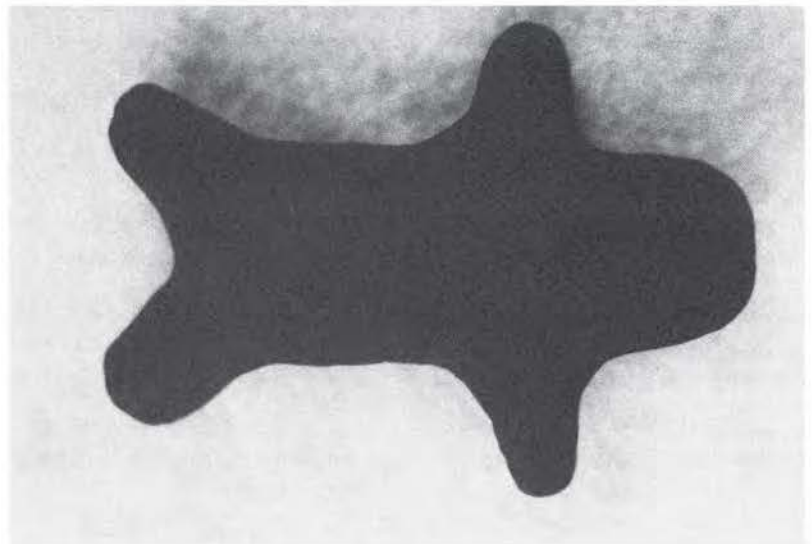




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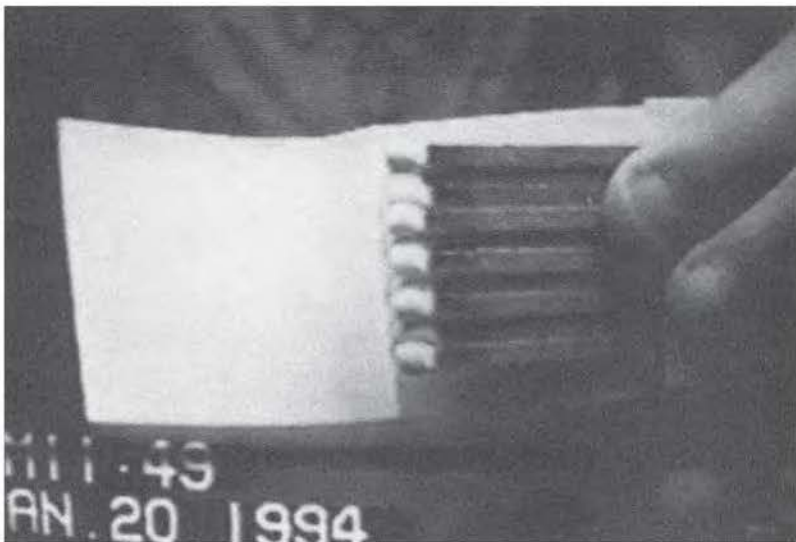


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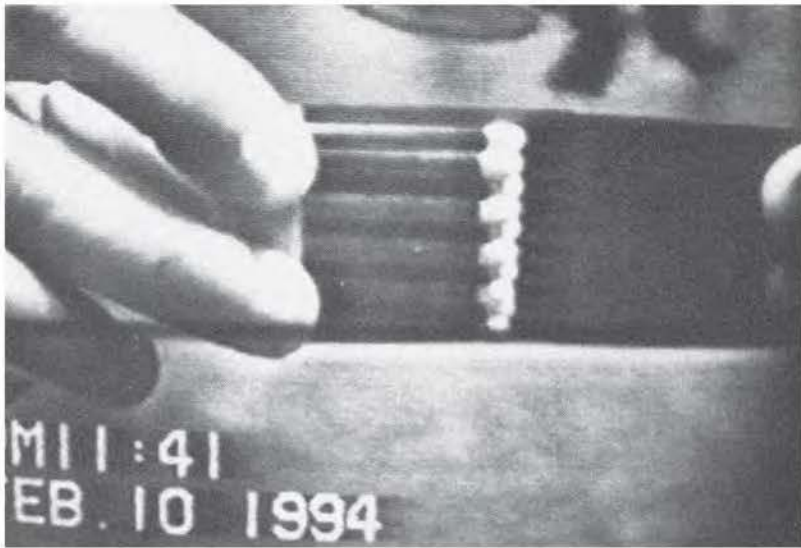


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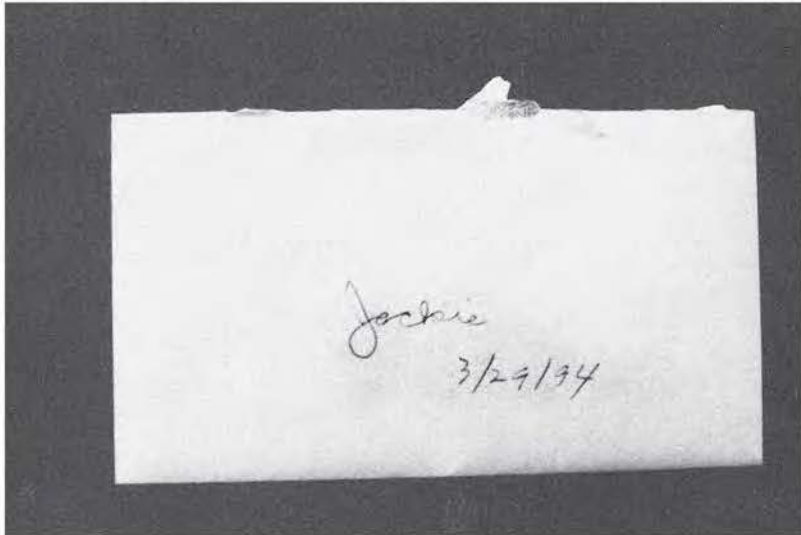


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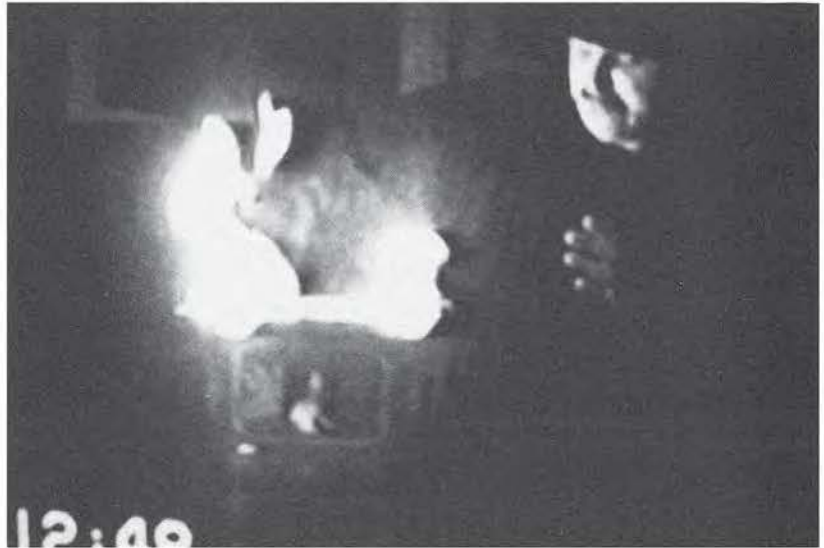


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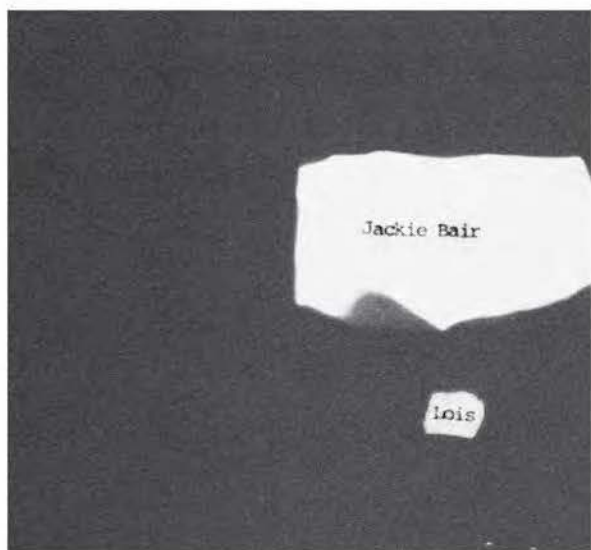
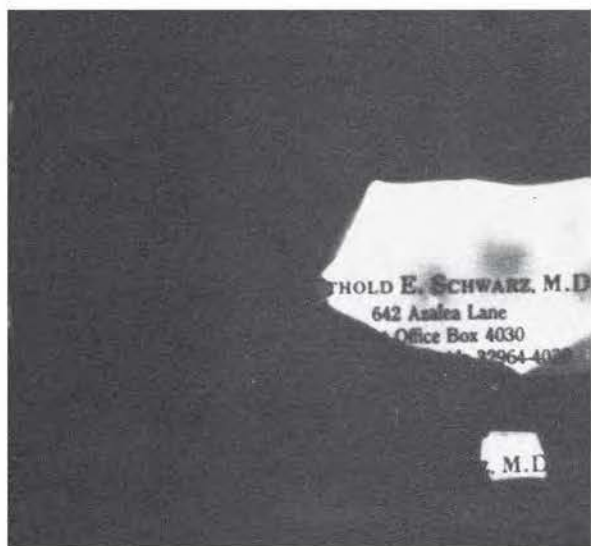


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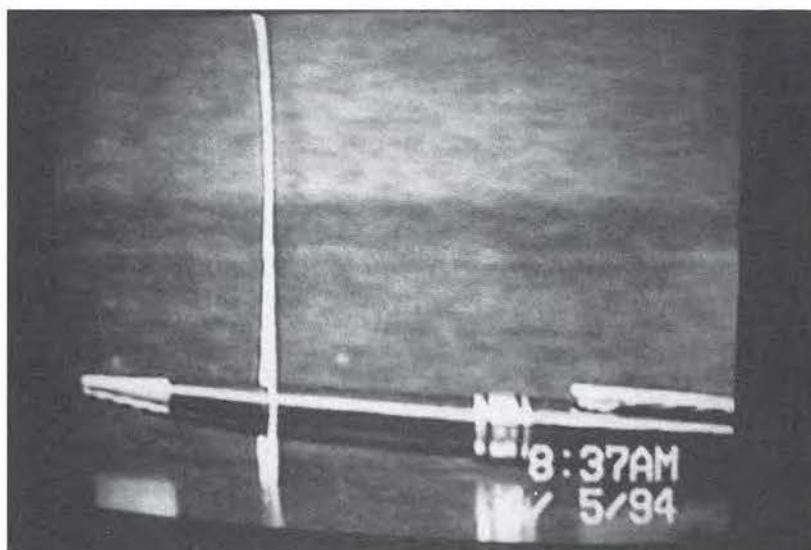


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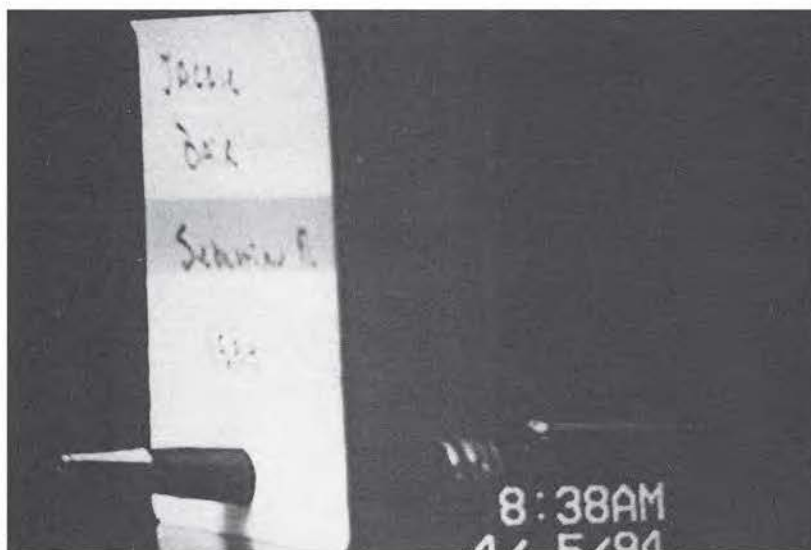




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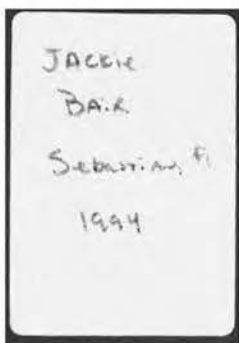




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